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The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the Church of Poughkeepsie, on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, A. D. 1889, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, on II. Corinthians v., 14, 15; "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
David Lyon,	James Hendrick.
James N. Crocker, D. D.,	Edward P. Durant.
Robert A. Davison,	James Rodgers.
Alfonso R. Olney,	Charles S. Allen, M. D.
Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.,	Alexander J. Thomson (2).
A. Russell Stevenson,	Louis W. Pratt.
Charles E. Dunn.	
George K. Fraser.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D.,	Hon. Perrin H. McGraw (2).
	Amasa J. Hoyt.
	John W. Keese.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Robert Court, D. D.,	Robert Moir.
Frederick Campbell,	James Frame.
Robert Gordon Mackay,	
Samuel C. Gunn,	
J. Loughran Scott, D. D.	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Augustus B. Prichard,	Theron L. Neff.
Charles H. Taylor, D. D.,	
Donald McLaren, D. D.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,	Stephen M. Clement.
Lansing Van Schoonhoven,	Chauncey G. Talcott.
Henry Ward,	William L. Doyle (2).
William Waith, Ph. D.,	Clinton T. Fish.
Rufus S. Green, D. D.,	John Hamilton.
Philos G. Cook,	
George Runciman (2).	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

James K. Philips,	Edward P. Gilbert.
Edward P. Sprague, D. D.,	John K. Garsden.
Henry P. Hamilton,	Arthur B. Brooks.
Wallace B. Lucas, D. D.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

George A. Jameson (2),
Norman McLeod,
John H. Sargent.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Charles C. Carr,	Moses S. Converse.
Albert Livermore (2),	George B. Patterson.
Christian W. Winnie.	
Clarke B. Gillette.	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

George A. Howard, D. D.
George Le Fevre.
Titus Elwood Davis.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Horace T. Chadsey,	Hon. Edward C. Walker.
James A. Anderson,	William R. Halbert.
	John S. Barton.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

Henry H. Lipes,	Andrew S. Long.
J. Wilford Jacks,	Mattoon C. Pierson.
William H. Webb, D. D.	Theodore S. Hubbard.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

David F. Bonner,	Charles G. Cooper.
Thomas Gordon, D. D.,	Jonas Hawkins.
James C. Forsythe,	Winthrop S. Gilman.
Charles Beattie,	Zebulon W. Vanderoef.
Slator C. Hepburn,	Charles Marvin.
Theron Brittain (2).	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Hamilton B. Holmes,	Selah B. Strong.
Frederick V. Frisbie,	Jehiel S. Raynor.
Epher Whitaker, D. D.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Alexander D. McIntosh,	Bailey D. Foster.
Howard Cornell,	Frank H. Closs.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Rockwood MacQuesten,	John D. Fish.
George H. Cleveland,	Seth S. Surdam.
John D. Long,	William A. Torrey (2).
John P. H. Schweitzer (2).	

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

George W. F. Birch, D. D.,	Warner Van Norden (2).
James S. Ramsay, D. D.,	Thomas S. Strong.
John M. Worrall, D. D. (2),	Ewen McIntyre.
Jesse F. Forbes,	Logan C. Murray (2).
Charles L. Thompson, D. D. (2),	Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
Louis Wolferz,	James Bayles.
David G. Wylie, Ph. D.	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

William A. Beecher,	Oliver P. Scovell.
Levi G. Marsh,	Ely H. Cook.
Erastus W. Twichell.	

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

George P. Noble,	Heman D. Cleveland.
Joseph K. Wight,	Augustus G. Clark.
David B. McMurdy,	Lewis P. Streit.
Francis B. Wheeler, D. D.,	Moses Cook Belknap (2).
William K. Hall, D. D.,	David B. Abbey (2).
Irving Magee, D. D.	

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Lawrence M. Stevens.
Samuel V. V. Holmes.
Charles E. Fay.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Benjamin F. Willoughby,	George H. Comstock.
Nelson Millard, D. D.,	George V. Hahn.
T. Morey Hodgman,	George C. Buell (2).
Charles P. Coit,	William S. McKenzie.
Corliss B. Gardner,	Curtis M. Gates.
Levi Parsons, D. D.,	Alonzo L. Mabbett (2).
Samuel A. Freeman, D. D.,	Louis Chapin.
Theodore B. Williams.	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,	Samuel F. Bagg.
Daniel A. Ferguson,	William Rogers 2d.
Lewis R. Webber,	George R. Bell.
William F. Skinner,	James Brodie (2).

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Duncan Cameron,	Robert C. Mead (2).
Marcus N. Preston.	
David McLeod.	

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

David McK. Rankin, D. D.,	George G. French.
Judson Swift,	J. Clarence Rasbach.
William A. Rice,	James W. Eager.
L. Mason Clarke,	David Waldron.
Smith Ordway.	

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Hector Hall,	DeWitt C. Halstead.
William Reed,	Thomas Collins.
William H. Sybrandt,	Franklin Field.
Christopher G. Hazard,	J. DeWitt Qua.
Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Daniel C. Briggs.
John Tatlock, D. D.,	Frederick M. Hoyt.
Josiah Still,	John G. Hawley (2).

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Thomas J. Brown, D. D.,	Moses M. Gray.
Theodore F. Jessup,	Lewis T. Sherrill.
Samuel Jessup, D. D.,	Daniel Livermore.
Charles H. Van Wie,	Israel White.
	Eli Marsh.

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Robert P. Gibson,	Sanford R. Knapp.
Harris R. Schenck,	Stanton Cady.
Manfred P. Welcher,	George D. Cragin.
John E. Bushnell,	Milton Frost.
William B. Waller,	Edward Wells (2).
Charles S. Lane,	Daniel H. Knapp.
	Richard R. Tyers.

The following delegates were absent:

Presbytery of Albany: Elders—Douglas L. White, Simon F. Fraser.

Binghamton: Ministers—Henry T. Perry, David F. Giles, Leslie R. Groves; Elder—E. C. Sleeper.

Boston: Minister—Joseph H. Ralston; Elders—Robert Gilchrist, John Rule, Duncan Hackett, James Currie.

Brooklyn: Ministers—C. Cuthbert Hall, Alfred H. Moment; Elders—Henry L. Butler, Hugh McDougall, James M. Ham, Edward H. Branch.

Buffalo: Elders—Sidney E. Adams, Lester Bishop.

Cayuga: Elder—Henry H. Fenn.

Champlain: Elders—Oliver C. Morse, Seymour Brown, Joel F. Caswell.

Chemung: Elders—John P. Cook, Charles C. Ormiston.

Columbia: Elders—Jeremiah Day, S. Henry Atwater, Brainerd O. Peck.

Genesee: Minister—Lindley C. Rutter.

Geneva: Minister—George C. Curtis; Elder—Walter H. Knapp.

Hudson: Elder—Alsop L. Corwin.

Long Island: Elder—Levi W. Halsey, M. D.

Lyons: Minister—Halsey B. Stevenson; Elder—John C. Howk.

Nassau: Elder—James S. Cooley, M. D.

New York: Ministers—Robert F. Sample, Edward M. Deems, Walter D. Buchanan; Elders—Ransom E. Wilcox, Moses W. Dodd, Alexander Ritchie, James Brown.

Niagara: Elder—Edwin E. Arnold.

North River: Elder—Alpheus Goodman, Jr.

Otsego: Minister—Frank H. Seely; Elders—Alexander Oliver, Abiathar H. Watkins, Seneca A. Seward, Albert B. Tobey.

Rochester: Elder—Harvey E. Graves.

Steuben : Minister—Erwin C. Hull ; Elders—Charles P. Hutchinson, Levi N. Beebe, Orton O. Laine.

Syracuse : Elder—Peter Walrath.

Utica : Ministers—Charles S. Richardson, Albert W. Allen, Albert S. Bacon ; Elders—Henry Waterbury, Alonzo H. Sumner.

Westchester : Minister—Richard P. H. Vail.

The Rev. Samuel Jessup, D. D., of the Presbytery of Utica, was elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and the Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, of the Presbytery of New York, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the sessions of the morning begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve ; of the afternoon, at two o'clock, and close at half-past five ; of the evening, at half-past seven o'clock, and close at the pleasure of the Synod.

2. That immediately after the standing order to-morrow morning, the report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education be heard.

3. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed on Wednesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

The first half-hour of the morning session, each day, will be spent in devotional services; the meeting to-morrow morning to be conducted by Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

Adjourned until Wednesday at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, October 16, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present :

Presbytery of Albany: Elder—Alexander J. Thomson.
Binghamton: Elder—Hon. Perrin H. McGraw.
Buffalo: Minister—George Runciman; Elder—William L. Doyle.
Champlain: Minister—George A. Jameson.
Chemung: Minister—Albert Livermore.
Hudson: Minister—Theron Brittain.
Nassau: Minister—John P. H. Schweitzer; Elder—William A. Torrey.
New York: Ministers—John M. Worrall, Charles L. Thompson; Elders—Warner Van Norden, Logan C. Murray.
North River: Elders—Moses C. Belknap, David B. Abbey.
Rochester: Elders—George C. Buell, Alonzo L. Mabbett.
St. Lawrence: Elder—James Brodie.
Steuben: Elder—Robert C. Mead.
Troy: Elder—John G. Hawley.
Westchester: Elder—Edward Wells.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Irving Magee, D. D., Charles Beattie, Robert Court, D. D., Levi Parsons, D. D., William K. Hall, D. D., Alfonso R. Olney, William B. Waller.

Elders—James Hendrick, Moses S. Converse, Theodore S. Hubbard, Lewis P. Streit, James Bayles, Oliver P. Scovell, Lewis T. Sherrill.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Thomas J. Brown, D. D., Rufus S. Green, D. D., John Tatlock, D. D., Epher Whitaker, D. D., William A. Rice, James S. Ramsay, D. D., Marcus N. Preston, Theodore F. Jessup.

Elders—Hon. Edward C. Walker, Stephen M. Clement, Andrew S. Long, Edward P. Durant, Sanford R. Knapp, Eli Marsh, George D. Cragin.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—James N. Crocker, D. D., Nelson Millard, D. D., Howard Cornell, William H. Webb, D. D.

Elders—Augustus G. Clark, James Frame, John W. Keese.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Winthrop S. Gilman, Chauncey G. Talcott, Mattoon C. Pierson, Curtis M. Gates.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—Robert A. Davison, Frederick Campbell, L. Mason Clarke, Robert P. Gibson.

Elders—Franklin Field, Clinton T. Fish, Daniel Livermore.

6. TO NOMINATE VISITORS TO SEMINARIES, &C.:

Ministers—Hamilton B. Holmes, Judson Swift, William A. Beecher, Charles H. Taylor, D. D., John E. Bushnell.

Elders—Bailey D. Foster, Ewen McIntyre, Edward P. Gilbert, Moses M. Gray.

7. TO NOMINATE THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—George A. Howard, D. D., Charles P. Coit, David F. Bonner, David McLeod, Manfred P. Welcher.

Elders—Seth S. Surdam, George B. Patterson, Samuel F. Bagg, J. DeWitt Qua.

8. TO NOMINATE THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Ministers—Benjamin F. Willoughby, Henry Ward, Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., Augustus B. Prichard.

Elders—William R. Halbert, Thomas Collins, Selah B. Strong.

9. TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS OF ELMIRA COLLEGE:

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, D. D., George W. F. Birch, D. D., Edward P. Sprague, D. D., Charles C. Carr.

Elders—Louis Chapin, John D. Fish, Frederick M. Hoyt.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Robert Gordon Mackay, James K Philips; *Elder*—Theron L. Neff.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Donald McLaren, D. D., Frederick V. Frisbie; *Elder*—Zebulon W. Vanderoef.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Philos G. Cook, Norman McLeod; *Elder*—John Hamilton.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Thomas Gordon, D. D., Samuel C. Gunn; *Elder*—Jehiel S. Raynor.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—James A. Anderson, Henry P. Hamilton; *Elder*—Robert Moir.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Samuel A. Freeman, D. D., Clark B. Gillette; *Elder*—David Waldron.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Titus E. Davis, Alexander D. McIntosh; *Elder*—George H. Comstock.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Corliss B. Gardner, Henry H. Lipes; *Elder*—Charles G. Cooper.

9. CHILE: [No Records.]

10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—Hector Hall, John H. Sargent; *Elder*—John S. Barton.

11. GENESEE: *Ministers*—George LeFevre, Christian W. Winnie; *Elder*—Jonas Hawkins.

12. GENEVA: *Ministers*—John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., Horace T. Chadsey; *Elder*—Arthur B. Brooks.

13. HUDSON: *Ministers*—David Lyon, John D. Long; *Elder*—Frank H. Closs.

14. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Slator C. Hepburn, Louis Wolferz; *Elder*—Ely H. Cook.

15. LYONS: *Ministers*—Rockwood MacQuesten, Charles H. VanWie; *Elder*—Amasa J. Hoyt.

16. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Levi G. Marsh, Josiah Still;—*Elder*—Charles S. Allen.

17. New York: *Ministers*—James C. Forsythe, J. Loughran Scott, D. D.; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

18. Niagara: *Ministers*—A. Russell Stevenson, William H. Sybrandt; *Elder*—John K. Garsden.

19. North Laos: *Ministers*—Erastus W. Twichell, Theodore B. Williams; *Elder*—George G. French.

20. North River: *Ministers*—Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., George H. Cleveland; *Elder*—Louis W. Pratt.

21. Oroomiah: *Ministers*—Joseph K. Wight, Smith Ordway; *Elder*—James W. Eager.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—Charles E. Dunn, Daniel A. Ferguson; *Elder*—William S. McKenzie.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—David G. Wylie, Ph. D., Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elder*—Thomas S. Strong.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—David B. McMurdy, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elder*—George V. Hahn.

25. Siam: [No Records.]

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—George K. Fraser, Charles E. Fay; *Elder*—George R. Bell.

27. Syracuse: *Ministers*—T. Morey Hodgman, Adrian V. S. Wallace; *Elder*—Heman D. Cleveland.

28. Troy: *Ministers*—George P. Noble, Lewis R. Webber; *Elder*—Stanton Cady.

29. Utica: *Ministers*—David McK. Rankin, D. D., Harris R. Schenck; *Elder*—William Rogers, 2d.

30. Westchester: *Ministers*—Lawrence M. Stevens, William F. Skinner; *Elder*—J. Clarence Rasbach.

Printed copies of the Docket of Business, and of the Minutes of the last stated meeting, were distributed.

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented, and were referred to the Examining Committees.

The Rev. Messrs. James A. Worden, D. D., and John Fox, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, Benjamin P. Johnson, of the Synod of New Jersey, and George W. Chamberlain, of the Synod of Brazil, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sunday School work was made the first, and the report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College the second order of the day, in the afternoon. At the request of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, the standing order was postponed, and its report was made the third order of the day for the afternoon.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was made the second order of the day on Thursday.

The reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries were made the order of the day for half-past three o'clock, P. M., on Thursday.

The death of Elder Archibald McClure, of the Presbytery of Albany, the Treasurer of the Synod, having occurred since the last annual meeting, the nomination of a successor was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

A complaint of the Rev. Clarence W. Backus and others, against the Presbytery of Rochester.

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A request of the Church of Woodhaven for a change in its presbyterial relations, with accompanying papers showing the action of the Presbyteries concerned.

2. An overture from the Presbytery of Troy, in reference to the title of Synodical Superintendent.

3. An overture from the Presbytery of Otsego, asking the Synod to define the province and functions of the Synodical Superintendents.

4. A memorial from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, concerning the reception of a minister from a foreign body.

5. A petition from the Presbytery of Oroomiah, for the erection of a new Presbytery within its bounds.

6. An appeal from the Chile Mission for prayer in behalf of Chile.

The Synodical Superintendents presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The work assigned us has been prosecuted through the entire year ending September 30, 1889. We report:

Visits to congregations	238	Churches dedicated	
Sermons preached	323	Presided at election of Pastors	7
Lord's Supper administered	13	" on other occasions	16
Baptisms	22	Assisted at ordinations	7
Members received on examination	20	" " installations	4
" " by letter	18	Letters written	2,550
Funerals attended	11	Miles traveled	26,958
Marriages	2	Expenses	$712.98
Churches organized	2	Received for supplying pulpits	$742.01
Meetings of Presbyteries attended	28		

These statistics convey only an approximate idea of the work. There are constant calls for pastoral work from house to house. Advice is asked by Sessions, Trustees, and Committees of supply. Each district, in these respects, becomes one large parish. We have been able to help many ministers and vacant self-sustaining churches, by acting as a bureau of information between them. We have supplied, occasionally, the pulpits of strong churches, and have had, thus, the opportunity of speaking for Synodical Aid, endeavoring in this way to stir up interest in its behalf. The amount received for such services has been credited to expense account.

The same plan of work, as formerly, has been continued, including preaching services in the vacant churches, visiting families, aiding the churches in obtaining pastors and supplies, and rendering help in every possible way. A large majority of the places where pastors could not be secured has been supplied by students during their vacations. Many of them have done excellent work. The Presbyteries and their committees have received us with warm greetings, and have given their hearty coöperation.

We emphasize, again, the need of the exercise of their Episcopal authority, by the Presbyteries, in order to check, as far as possible, the frequent changes in the supply of our churches. This is the chief burden on our Church work, damaging to the ministry, and demoralizing to the congregations.

Our work has one special disadvantage. We cannot encourage men to expect adequate support, or the churches to hope that their best efforts, when small, will be adequately supplemented. Diligent effort is made to induce contiguous churches to unite their strength in supporting a pastor; but, even with this economy, it is impossible to secure a regular service in every church. There are still some churches whose doors are closed for want of money.

The weak churches hail the Synod's representatives with a spirit of gratitude. Hearts that were sorrowing in their isolation, are made glad by the messages of love sent to them; and Christians, weary through long effort, are stimulated to renewed activity by the aid kindly proffered. The need in many rural churches, caused by changes in population, the opportunities for Foreign Mission work found at the very doors of these churches among the immigrant population, and the cry of want, in spiritual work, from these old home church altars, claim the deepest sympathies of their sons and daughters in the prosperous towns and cities of our State. To awaken and direct these sympathies is a needful and important part of our work.

In connection with the report, the Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., addressed the Synod on the work of the Superintendents.

Papers relating to the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund" of Philadelphia, were presented, and were referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Rufus S. Green, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., and David G. Wylie, Ph. D., and Elders Edward P. Durant and William L. Doyle.

The report of the Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan was presented and accepted.

Pending its consideration, the Rev. George W. Chamberlain, the representative of the Synod of Brazil, addressed the Synod by invitation, presenting the condition and needs of the mission work in that land.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to be administered on Wednesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, the Moderator preside, assisted by Rev. Irving Magee, D. D.; and that the following Ruling Elders be appointed to serve the communicants: Selah B. Strong, Edward P. Gilbert, Charles S. Allen, Lewis T. Sherrill, Edward Wells, and Louis Chapin.

2. That, after the communion, the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., address the Synod on Home Missions, and the Rev. John C. Bracq upon the work of the McAll Mission in France.

3. That the Rev. John Fox be heard, on the work of the Freedmen's Board, at half-past nine o'clock on Thursday morning.

4. That a popular meeting be held on Thursday evening, in the interest of Foreign Missions; to be addressed by the Rev. Samuel Jessup, of the Syrian Mission, and the Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.

The Committee also presented the following communications :

From the President of Vassar College, inviting the Synod to visit that institution.

From the Poughkeepsie Bridge Company, tendering the members of the Synod an excursion over the bridge by a special train.

From the Young Women's Christian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, inviting the members of the Synod to visit, at their convenience, the rooms of these institutions.

The Committee further announced that a collation would be served, in the basement of the church, at six o'clock, to the members of the Synod and of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions.

The invitations were accepted, with the cordial thanks of the Synod ; and arrangements were made to visit Vassar College at four o'clock in the afternoon, and to take the excursion over the Poughkeepsie Bridge at two o'clock on Thursday.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday School Work presented its report, which was accepted.

Pending its consideration, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. James A. Worden, D. D., the Superintendent of Sabbath School and Missionary Work, of the Board of Publication.

The report is as follows :

In the State of New York, in 1887, according to the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, there were 1,758,915 children and youth, between the ages of five and twenty-one years. The State Sunday School Association reports 7,193 Sunday Schools, with 949,415 scholars, both children and adults. About 800,000 children in the State, between the ages already given, are not in Sunday School. According to the minutes of the last Assembly, the Presbyterian Sunday Schools of the State number 900, not quite one-seventh of the whole. Of these, 604, more than two-thirds, are open all the year. In these schools there are 143,872 scholars of all ages, more than one-seventh of all the Sunday School scholars in the State, and 18,129 officers and teachers. The average attendance is 95,159, or 59 per cent. of the total number enrolled. The reported average attendance of these scholars at church is not quite one-fourth. The number in full communion is 20,349 ; about one in seven. Adding other baptized scholars, 19,294, there remain 104,229, or more than three-fourths

not baptized. Those received into full communion, during the year, number 4,862. Of these not quite one-half had previously been baptized.

In more than one-third of the schools the Shorter Catechism is not taught. The "Westminster Helps" are used in more than two-thirds.

The total contributions, as reported, are $111,876. Of this amount about forty per cent. went to the support of the schools, about five per cent. to the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, about twenty-three per cent. to the remaining Boards of the Church, and about thirty-two per cent. to other benevolent objects. The statistics, however, in regard to the first two items, are defective; since the Presbyteries of Boston, Genesee, Utica and Westchester are reported as having given nothing to either object.

Our gratitude is due to God for the noble army of Sunday School officers, teachers and scholars within our Synod, constituting a body worthy of all encouragement and praise.

It is recommended:

1. That the Permanent Committee be composed of the most skillful and earnest Sunday School laborers within our Synod.

2. That Church Sessions be urged to adopt and introduce, as far as practicable, a course of instruction and preparation for Sunday School teachers.

3. That steps at once be taken for providing a simple and brief course of instruction, for scholars, in the faith and polity of our Church, supplementary to the lessons in our Westminster Helps.

4. That the Board of Publication be requested to prepare and issue such a course of instruction.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported the complaint of the Rev. Clarence W. Backus and others against the action of the Presbytery of Rochester, in approving the records of the Session of the First Church of Rochester, in relation to an ordination of Ruling Elders. The Committee having duly examined the papers in the case, recommended:

1. That the complaint be found in order.

2. That a Commission, to hear and issue the complaint, be appointed as follows: The Rev. Messrs. John M. Worrall, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Charles H. Van Wie, James A. Anderson, John Tatlock, D. D., Rufus S. Green, D. D., William A. Rice, Samuel V. V. Holmes; Ruling Elders—Lewis T. Sherrill, Milton Frost, Edward P. Durant, John Hamilton, Franklin Field, James W. Eager, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

The report was adopted.

The unfinished business was resumed, namely, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan, which was amended, and is as follows:

Three years ago the Synod of New York, after years of deliberation, and with the commendation of the General Assembly, resolved to undertake the care of its own weak churches and the culture of its own mission-fields, with the exception of the territory included in the Presbytery of Boston. One year ago, after an actual trial of the plan, the Synod put on record its "renewed and hearty approval," and continued the committee. Accordingly, with such preceding and solemn action on the part of the Synod, your committee now renders its report, covering the Synodical Aid Plan, for the year ending October 1, 1889.

Your committee has humbly and earnestly sought to do its utmost in promoting the important object. As early as January last a circular was prepared recounting the action taken by the Synod, explaining the nature of the plan and citing actual results, in support of its appeal for prompt and faithful action on the part of pastors and elders, churches and presbyteries. Of that circular one hundred thousand copies were sent to the churches, with the earnest request that they be distributed so as to secure the desired result. The expense of publishing the circular was gladly borne by the elders of your committee. Again, under the date of August 30, a letter, printed at the expense of the committee, was mailed to all the churches which, at that date, had not contributed. The summaries showing the response from the churches is now placed before you, together with due analyses and specifications.

1. *Total Amounts.* Voted by the Synod at the rate of fifteen cents per member, $21,757.35. Received from the churches, including $57.32 from the Presbytery of Boston, $11,272.91, and from individuals, $13.20, making the total receipts $11,286.11. Deficit, as compared with the amount voted, $10,471.24. Last year the total receipts were $9,219.40, showing a gain during the present year, of $2,066.71.

2. *Number of Contributing Churches.* This year, 492. Last year, 314. Gain, 178. Still non-contributing, 295.

By *Presbyteries*, the figures are as follows:

Presbytery.	No. of Churches.	Contributing.	Non-contributing.
Albany	50	33	17
Binghamton	29	14	15
Brooklyn	31	26	5
Buffalo	43	28	15
Cayuga	23	14	9
Champlain	18	10	8
Chemung	22	12	10
Columbia	19	10	9
Genesee	22	11	11
Geneva	23	21	2
Hudson	43	33	10
Long Island	24	21	3
Lyons	18	12	6
Nassau	25	17	8
New York	54	19	35
Niagara	19	9	10
North River	30	18	12
Otsego	26	22	4
Rochester	45	27	18
St. Lawrence	30	19	11
Steuben	26	12	14
Syracuse	40	28	12
Troy	42	22	20
Utica	44	32	12
Westchester	36	24	12

Geneva is thus shown to be the banner Presbytery in the proportion of its contributing churches; Long Island, second; Otsego, third; and Brooklyn, fourth. In the Presbytery of New York, the proportion of contributing churches is least—scarcely more than one-third. Binghamton, Niagara and Steuben have, each, less than one-half; Genesee exactly one-half; Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Troy, scarcely more than one-half.

3. *Amounts by Presbyteries:*

Presbytery.	Apportioned.	Received from Presbyteries.	Paid to Presbyteries	Excess of Payments over Receipts.	Lack of Receipts as compared with apportionment.
Albany	$1,356 60	$1,390 91	$1,815 00	$ 424 09	†$ 34 31
Binghamton	645 90	375 50	1,060 00	684 50	270 40
Brooklyn	2,404 50	1,158 27	1,850 00	691 63	1,246 23
Buffalo	1,098 15	400 30	1,961 80	1,561 50	697 85
Cayuga	633 90	380 00	650 00	270 00	253 90
Champlain	290 10	182 29	812 50	630 21	107 81
Chemung	370 65	209 00	1,237 50	1,028 50	161 65
Columbia	313 35	199 10	735 00	535 90	114 25
Genesee	440 70	181 92	175 00	*6 92	258 78
Geneva	696 05	466 63	600 50	133 87	229 42
Hudson	853 65	433 72	1,658 33	1,224 61	419 93
Long Island	511 35	375 05	302 50	*72 55	136 30
Lyons	367 05	185 71	550 00	364 29	181 34
Nassau	429 00	254 25	1,858 33	1,604 08	174 75
New York	3,205 05	732 81	1,800 00	1,067 19	2,472 24
Niagara	435 30	48 45	412 50	364 05	386 85
North River	787 35	178 63	628 33	449 70	608 72
Otsego	429 60	272 13	775 00	502 87	157 47
Rochester	1,461 00	551 14	500 00	*51 14	909 86
St. Lawrence	558 45	389 00	725 00	336 00	169 45
Steuben	463 95	181 71	1,200 00	1,018 29	282 24
Syracuse	888 90	495 78	699 17	203 39	393 12
Troy	1,111 05	700 98	1,450 00	749 02	410 07
Utica	1,066 65	789 09	912 50	123 41	277 56
Westchester	929 10	683 22	650 00	*33 22	245 88

*Payments less than receipts.
†Excess.

It thus appears that one Presbytery, Albany, contributed more than its apportionment, while all the others were lacking, the largest, wealthiest Presbyteries, New York and Brooklyn, most of all; the former $2,472.24, and the latter, $1,246.23. And that, too, while New York received from the Synod $1,067.19 more than it contributed, and Brooklyn $691.63. It further appears that four Presbyteries, Genesee, Long Island, Rochester, and Westchester, contributed more than they received, although those same four Presbyteries fell short of their apportionment, $1,550.82.

It still further appears that the actual payments to the Presbyteries have amounted to $25,018.96, which, together with $3,000.00 for the salaries of our two Synodical Superintendents, and $38.26, paid to "The Church at Home and Abroad" for acknowledging receipts, makes a total payment, in behalf of the Synodical Aid Fund, of $28,057.32.

With the presentation of these several exhibits, your Committee leaves the record in the hands of the Synod. The argument, the appeal, is in the simple facts. It is only asked that each Church, each Presbytery, each Session, and each Presbyterial

Committee on the Synodical Aid Fund, will duly consider the question of responsibility and privilege, and take action accordingly.

Your Committee has undiminished faith in the great excellence, the complete feasibility, of the plan, including, as it does, the Synodical Superintendents, with their most needful and most effective labors.

It is recommended :

1. That, for the present year, the Synod ask for $30,000, to be apportioned by the Committee among the Presbyteries, according to the number of their communicants, respectively.

2. That Presbyteries which have not appointed committees on this department of the church work, be enjoined to make such appointments at their next regular meetings.

3. That the Synod, while urging this object anew upon the sympathies and generous aid of the congregations at large, commends it especially to Young People's Societies within the bounds of the Synod, as one that is eminently worthy of their intelligent thought and liberal contributions.

4. That, upon the question of a change of name, which was recommitted last year to the consideration of this Committee, no action be taken.

The recommendations were adopted.

It was directed that the "Plan of Sustentation" be reprinted with the Minutes of the present year.

The Rev. Messrs. T. Morey Hodgman and David McK. Rankin, D.D., and Elder James Hendrick were appointed to nominate the Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College was presented, accepted, and made the third order of the day for Thursday morning.

The Rev. Messrs. L. Merrill Miller, D.D., and William Reed, and Elder Curtis M. Gates were appointed a committee to nominate the Endowment Committee for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The Committee has been unable to hold any meetings during the year. As its members reside at points all the way from New York to Buffalo, it was hardly expected that any conference could be held. By the action of the Synod, in 1884, it was agreed

that the committee be appointed, "with a view to continuous work, from year to year, at the pleasure of the Synod," it being understood that its members should reside within convenient distance of each other. Yet it is noticeable that its Chairman has since been changed four times, and its personnel is entirely different.

It is assumed that the committee is appointed to accomplish something permanent in the line of "organization and instruction," to act in coöperation with the Assembly's Committee and the several Presbyterial Committees on Beneficence. During the last year, however, the Chairman has not had a communication of any description from the Committee of the Assembly, and has received a report from only a single Presbytery, Geneva. In disregard of the Synod's action in 1885, not a Stated Clerk of any Presbytery has forwarded the name of the Chairman of its Committee. Without experience, without organization, without a permanent constituency, with no headquarters, with no meetings, with no funds, and deprived of the active coöperation of the Presbyteries, your Committee fails to see how it can prosecute, successfully, the important work committed to its charge. It can only deplore these difficulties, and pray the Synod to reconstruct the Committee on some practical working basis.

A part of the Committee's duty consists in preparing a summary of the Synod's contributions to the work of the Church. As no tabulated statistics were presented last year, a comparative view is submitted, that it may be seen to what extent we have receded since our Centennial efforts. The number of communicants, excluding the foreign Presbyteries, is 154,357, an increase over last year of 4,720.

I. This Synod ranks, in the amount of its gifts—

First: In Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, and Congregational Expenses.

Second: In Sabbath School Work, Church Erection, Missions to Freedmen, Sustentation, General Assembly, and Miscellaneous Gifts.

Third: In Aid for Colleges.

II. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod in 1888 and 1889.

Boards, etc.	1888.	1889.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$306,855	$305,539	$1,316	
Foreign Missions	198,017	189,776	8,241	
Education	30,391	27,644	2,747	
Sabbath School Work	13,086	20,433		$7,347
Church Erection	58,539	51,047	7,492	
Relief Fund	124,012	124,874		862
Freedmen	23,765	24,424		659
Sustentation	9,569	12,027		2,458
Aid for Colleges	27,663	18,220	9,443	
Total	$791,897	$773,984	$29,239	$11,326
General Assembly	15,439	13,002	2,437	
Congregational	1,907,809	2,044,801		136,992
Miscellaneous	231,119	282,635		51,516
Grand Total	$2,946,264	$3,114,422	$31,676	$199,834

Thus while our total contributions have increased about $168,158.00, our gifts to objects represented by the Boards have decreased $17,913.00.

Our direct gifts to the Boards have decreased $15,590.94, as shown by the following table:

III. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

Boards.	1888.	1889.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$170,128.78	$162,768.14	$7,360.64	
Foreign Missions	121,622.19	110,230.89	11,391.30	
Education	15,957.05	16,538.66		$581.61
Sabbath School Work	10,940.57	11,689.67		749.10
Church Erection	18,898.08	18,889.12	8.96	
Relief Fund	28,102.46	29,302.72		1,200.26
Freedmen	22,071.28	22,282.93		211.65
Sustentation	9,614.04	9,683.61		69.57
Aid for Colleges	7,549.70	7,907.47		357.77
Total	$404.884 15	$389,293.21	$18,760.90	$3,169.96

IV. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

Boards.	1888.	1889.		Increase.
Home Missions	$31,939 96	$39,651.30		$7,711.34
Foreign Missions	3,362.00	3,448 09		86.09
Education	7,891.64	9,986.71		2,095.07
Church Erection	2,900.00	7,516.00		4,616.00
Relief Fund	15,083 62	17,020 00		1,936.38
Total	$61,177.22	$77,622.10		$16,444 88

V. Comparison of the Rates per Member.

Rates per Member.	1888.	1889.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1889.
To all Objects	$19.68	$20.18		$0.50	$17.12
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	12.85	13.33		.48	12.06
To Benevolence at large	6 83	6 85		.02	5 06
To the Boards of the Church alone	2.71	2 52	$0.19		

In properly estimating the significance of the figures in the last preceding table, regard must be had to the increase of 4,720 in the number of communicants as compared with last year.

VI. Comparison by Presbyteries, showing the unfilled blanks in the Assembly Minutes.

Presbyteries.	Number of Churches	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sabbath School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Sustentation.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Percentage.
Albany	50	6	7	16	17	18	17	17	16	25	139	450	311	69
Binghamton	29	7	9	13	11	12	11	14	16	16	109	261	152	58
Boston	34	2	0	12	14	10	16	14	24	22	120	306	186	61
Brooklyn	31	2	2	5	12	5	5	5	10	10	56	279	223	80
Buffalo	43	8	7	16	8	13	16	17	17	22	124	387	263	68
Cayuga	23	4	4	8	9	6	6	6	10	10	63	207	144	70
Champlain	18	2	3	9	9	8	7	7	7	11	63	162	99	61
Chemung	22	2	4	14	10	13	12	13	13	16	97	198	101	51
Columbia	19	4	3	10	7	9	8	8	9	9	67	171	104	61
Genesee	22	3	6	10	13	14	12	10	15	14	97	198	101	51
Geneva	23	2	4	5	4	8	4	8	6	10	51	207	156	75
Hudson	43	0	4	10	9	6	9	9	9	10	66	387	321	83
Long Island	24	2	3	8	10	10	8	8	6	12	67	216	149	69
Lyons	18	4	3	6	5	8	6	7	7	11	57	162	105	65
Nassau	25	4	6	12	12	13	10	13	15	17	102	225	123	55
New York	54	6	3	17	23	18	8	20	38	29	162	486	324	67
Niagara	19	3	3	9	8	8	8	7	9	11	66	171	105	61
North River	30	3	4	8	7	11	7	10	15	16	81	270	189	70
Otsego	26	2	6	12	7	14	12	9	4	14	80	234	154	66
Rochester	45	0	5	18	13	16	13	12	19	20	116	405	289	71
St. Lawrence	30	6	6	11	15	13	9	14	10	16	100	270	170	63
Steuben	26	4	7	9	11	10	10	13	14	16	94	234	140	60
Syracuse	40	8	14	25	16	23	24	22	17	27	176	360	184	51
Troy	42	8	11	19	18	19	15	14	18	26	148	378	230	61
Utica	44	6	9	17	16	17	14	16	14	22	131	396	265	67
Westchester	36	2	2	7	7	10	7	7	12	13	67	324	257	79
	816	100	141	306	291	312	274	300	350	425	2499	7344	4845	66

There are 177 collections fewer than last year.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Synod renew and emphasize the recommendation adopted by the Synod, in 1885, instructing the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries to communicate the names of the Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees on Systematic Beneficence to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee.

2. That the Committee to be appointed at this meeting be constituted with a permanent constituency, one-half to be appointed with a view to contiguous residence, the Synod being expected only to fill vacancies as they may occur, by reason of death, resignation, or removal from the bounds of the Synod.

3. That the Chairman be authorized to use funds for clerical aid, postage, printing, etc., to an amount not exceeding $50.

The report of the Acting Treasurer was presented, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

At four o'clock a recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock, to enable the members of the Synod to visit Vassar College, in accordance with the arrangement.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, in accordance with the arrangement.

After the service, the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., addressed the Synod on Home Missions, and the Rev. John C. Bracq, on the work of the McAll Mission in France.

The Synod adjourned until Thursday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. E. Livingston Allen, of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Maine, and Rev. Messrs. Leonard M. Vincent, Richard H. Travis, William F. Hatfield, and Gilbert H. Gregory, of the Conference of New York, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Rev. George P. Noble was appointed to bear the Christian salutations and express the hearty sympathy of this body to the Woman's Committee on Home Missions, now in session in the city.

Rev. John Fox addressed the Synod, in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

The report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education was made the fourth order of the day.

The Judicial Commission presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered in the Minutes:

The Commission appointed by the Synod to try the complaint of the Rev. Messrs. Clarence W. Backus, Benjamin F. Willoughby, and Ferdinand DeW. Ward, D. D., against the Presbytery of Rochester, in the matter of the approval of the Minutes of the First Church of Rochester, having met at the same time and place as the Synod, and having heard the parties and considered all the matters pertaining to the case according to the Book of Discipline, renders the following decision:

The Commission has heard with pleasure of the high character of the persons elected to serve as Elders in the First Church of Rochester, and it distinctly declares that no part of its action is designed to affect in any way their ordination, or their position as Elders in that Church.

But the Commission declares its judgment that Chap. xx., Sec. 2, of the Confession of Faith, cited in the Minutes of the Church Session, was intended for the guidance of the conscience in matters of personal faith, and never was designed to be a description of the condition of taking office in the Church.

Farther, it declares that the Minute of the action of the Church was not full enough, nor sufficiently definite, after so grave a matter had been introduced into it.

The Commission also judges that the qualifications for office and the terms of ordination in the Presbyterian Church are clearly defined in the Form of Government; and that no Church court has a right to change these while they exist as the law. All change belongs to the Church at large.

The Commission therefore sustains the complaint *pro forma*, but does not direct any farther action to be taken in the case.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted:

Your Committee, previous to the Spring meetings of the Presbyteries, sent to these bodies a circular addressed to Pastors, Elders and Stated Clerks, embodying the action of the Synod last year. In this circular were embodied recommendations in substance as follows:

1. That the action of the Synod, on the Observance of the Lord's Day, be brought to the special attention of Presbyteries at the Spring meetings.

2. That, as far as possible, a popular service in the interests of the Sabbath be held in connection with these meetings.

3. That in Presbyteries not having a Sabbath Committee, one be appointed to which this, and all other communications on the Sabbath shall be referred.

4. That the recommendation of the Synod, "that on the second Lord's Day of May all our Ministers be requested to present to their congregations the claims of the Lord's Day," be universally responded to, thereby insuring simultaneous attention to this object throughout all of our churches.

5. That popular meetings in the interests of the Sabbath be held at central points within the bounds of each Presbytery during the month of May or June; that pains be taken at such gatherings to distribute tracts and documents bearing on the civil and religious aspects of the Sabbath question; and that full reports of such meetings be made in the local papers.

6. The Committee earnestly appeals to the laymen of our churches and congregations, whether Elders or Trustees, or not, to use all their private and official influence for the better observance of the Christian Sabbath. It is suggested to them to combine in their respective localities for the furtherance of the civil Sabbath, in the interests of that large and growing number of men in every community who are robbed of the weekly day of rest, and of all its home and church blessings, by the demand for their Sabbath labor, or the danger of losing their places of employment. Let the influence of every layman be positive and pronounced in behalf of staying the public desecration of the Lord's day involved in any and all forms of enforced labor.

The Committee believes the time has fully come for a united and outspoken sentiment among the Ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church of this State on this great subject. It invites suggestions tending to aid it in the prosecution of its work.

Your Committee believes that as far as possible, the Presbyteries acted on the recommendations, and thereby the special attention of the churches and communities was called simultaneously to the observance of the Lord's Day.

Your Committee is encouraged to believe, that the general presentation of this subject during the past year, in the Churches and in the secular and religious press, has been effective in promoting increased thoughtfulness, and a more conscientious action concerning the religious observance of the Lord's Day on the part of Christian people.

In view of the very great interests involved, and for the continued and better promotion of the object, it is recommended that a permanent Sabbath Committee be appointed.

A resolution relating to the same subject was presented, and referred to the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College was taken up, and Elder Horace B. Silliman, of the Committee, addressed the Synod on the subject. The recommendations were adopted.

The Report is as follows:

Soon after its appointment, the Committee completed its organization by electing the Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, Clerk, and Mr. Theodore S. Hubbard, Treasurer. Its work has been hindered by the resignation of its Chairman, the Rev. Edward G. Thurber, D. D., occasioned by his accepting the charge of the American Chapel in Paris. The Rev. Willis J. Beecher, D. D., was elected to succeed him, and accepted the position temporarily until other arrangements could be made.

At a meeting held December 20th, the Committee invited the pastor of an influential church to serve as financial agent. This arrangement failed for want of the consent of the Session of the church; and the Committee has not succeeded in finding a man available for the work.

Though the Committee has accomplished so little, it regards the prospects of the College as more encouraging than they were a year ago. Certain difficulties alluded to in the report of the last Committee have been greatly obviated, if not entirely removed. The last Committee reported that $92,000 had been credited to the Synod's Endowment Fund, to which they added $14,000, the estimated cost of Silliman Hall, then legally guaranteed. Since the Synod met, the Treasurer of the Committee has received nothing; and the Treasurer of the College has credited the Synod's Fund with only $312.14, being the amount paid by churches of the Presbytery of Geneva toward a Presbyterial scholarship. But the President of the College informs the Committee that, in addition to the cost of Silliman Hall, which was actually about $20,000, more than $15,000 has been given to the College since the last meeting of the Synod, and pledges have been made to the amount of about $16,000. These sums include $10,000 from one person, and $5,000 each from three others. The Committee understands that a large part of this sum of $51,000, though not procured for the College by any effort of the Synod, will be credited to the Endowment Fund. Your Committee believes that there is, in various quarters, a readiness to give money to the Synod for Hamilton College, provided the Synod and the friends of the College display a business-like earnestness in regard to the endowment.

It is desirable that certain points touching the financial condition of the College should be distinctly understood by the Synod. Apart from its buildings, grounds, and apparatus, the College, according to the Treasurer's Report of last June, has invested funds to the amount of about $284,000. Of this amount, about $32,000 is at present unproductive, and the College has $34,000 of outstanding bonds, reducing its net income-producing property to about $218,000. Last year, the income from all sources was $31,365, which exceeded the expenditure by $368. But of this income $7,493 consisted of moneys given especially to meet current expenses. Your Committee understands that it is the fixed determination of the Trustees and Treasurer of the College in no circumstances to allow the vested funds of the Institution to be used for current expenses. The first need of the College is such an addition to its permanent funds by completing the endowment of its Professors' chairs, and the establishment of scholarships, as will do away with this annual raising of special income. Judging by the experience of other institutions, if this result were once reached, it would afterwards be easier to raise whatever is needed. Donors to the College should remember this, if they see fit to specify in what way their gifts shall be used.

To accomplish this most desirable end, it will be necessary to raise about $125,000; and $32,000 more will complete the amount necessary to bring the College into organic connection with the Synod according to the resolution of the Board of Trustees of the College. Thus our Church will come into permanent control of this Institution, with all its valuable property and franchises, and an income which will render it self-supporting.

All possible emphasis is placed on the desirableness of doing, without farther delay, whatever is to be done towards endowing Hamilton College. The Committee last year mentioned a conditional promise of $5,000. This has lapsed by the expiration of the limit of time contained in it. Whether it will be renewed depends on the good will and the good judgment of the persons who made it. There are also condi-

tional subscriptions made some years ago, to the amount of $35,000. In a world where both life and wealth are uncertain, there is danger of losing these subscriptions, unless we meet the condition on which they were renewed, by raising the remainder of the $300,000.

The Committee recommends :

1. That a new Committee of nine ministers and six ruling elders be chosen to carry forward such measures as the Synod may adopt for completing the endowment of Hamilton College in the sum of $300,000.

2. That the Endowment Committee be empowered, at its discretion, to enlarge its number by adding one member or more, from the Presbytery of New York, and one from each of the other Presbyteries in the Synod.

3. That the Synod authorize the Committee to secure, if practicable, the services of a competent person to act as financial agent in securing the proposed endowment.

4. That the Committee be authorized to appropriate, from the money received, a compensation for the services of its agent, not to exceed in amount $40 per week, and such sums as may be required for his necessary traveling expenses.

5. That the Synod urge our ministers and members, as far as may be consistent with their loyalty to other institutions, to call the attention of young men to the advantages of Hamilton College, and to take an interest in securing financial help for those who cannot go to College without help. Increasing the amount paid in term bills increases the income of the College.

6. That the Synod suggest to men of large wealth and beneficence that the endowment of a chair in Hamilton College, or the completing of an existing endowment, is a good use to make of money devoted to benevolence.

7. That the Synod commend the loyalty of the Presbytery of Geneva in following previous recommendations of the Synod, by taking measures to establish a Presbyterial Scholarship ; and it again urges each Presbytery to take some specific part in the work of endowment, by founding one or more scholarships.

It is often said that we must depend upon large amounts, given by the wealthy, for the endowment of our institutions. While this may be true, it is also true that much can be done by aggregating small amounts; and a general interest taken by our Presbyteries in Hamilton College would attract to it the favorable attention of intelligent and liberal men of wealth.

The reports on Elmira College were made the second order of the day for the afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education was presented, and its consideration was made the first order of the day on Friday morning.

The Rev. John M. Worrall, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of the Church Erection Fund.

A recess was taken until three o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

It was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body be given to Mr. John I. Platt, Vice President, and the other officers of the Poughkeepsie Bridge Company, for the special trip across the bridge, just enjoyed by the members of the Synod.

The Pastoral Letter was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

This institution of learning, incorporated by the Regents in 1855, located in the healthful region of Northern New York, occupying elevated grounds in the beautiful village of Adams, commanding a prospect wide and unusually charming, easy of access because it is on the direct line of one of our leading railways, possessing buildings well arranged for the health and comfort of its pupils, and having an able corps of teachers, has done so good a work during the thirty-four years of its history that it deserves the strong moral and financial support of our church.

Students under its care have been fully prepared to enter our best Colleges and Universities, and in after life have rendered valuable service to Church and State.

A strong religious influence is exerted over the students by the members of the Faculty, who are members of evangelical churches. Daily religious services are held in the chapel, and each student is required to attend preaching services twice every Lord's day, in some church designated by the parents.

In the boarding department students from abroad may find comforts and a nurturing care, much like those of a well ordered home.

Every year it is more manifest that there is a growing need of preparatory schools in which our youth shall receive sound religious instruction. Without them, the supply of young men for the ministry and young women for mission fields will be sadly inadequate. Normal schools, high schools, and other purely secular preparatory schools, however much good they may do in certain lines, are not meeting, and cannot meet the pressing needs of the Church of Christ.

Because of the strong secularizing tendency in our school system, it is high time for the Christian Church to be establishing preparatory schools, which shall be distinctively religious in tone and aim. Cultivation of the heart makes it all the easier to cultivate the brain. Colleges can do their best work, not until the preparatory schools are brought up to the proper standard. Prominent educators in all the denominations are becoming convinced that the weakest point in our educational system just now is its preparatory school. It should be, in addition to its intellectual activities, a place of spiritual power, of religious revival, fully imbued with the spirit of our holy religion; where our youth, at a time when character rapidly takes shape, shall early be led to ask God if He does not want them to become ministers of the gospel at home, or missionaries in distant lands. Would it not be well to establish and equip several preparatory schools of this character? There might be one each in Northern, Central, and Western New York, with two possibly in Eastern New York, to serve as feeders to the higher institutions of learning, thus ultimately increasing the number of highly cultured and fully consecrated young men and women, who shall go forth to the work of the Master in the home and foreign fields.

If the Synod is not as yet prepared to enter thus broadly upon such work, nevertheless can it not, and should it not, at once make Adams Collegiate Institute such a preparatory school? This institution has been offered to our Synod, with a property worth over $50,000, free from debt, on condition that the Synod raise a needed endowment of $50,000.

It is recommended, that a Committee of Visitors for the ensuing year be appointed, which shall confer with the Directors and Faculty in reference to raising the desired amount.

The Committees appointed to examine the Records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records, severally, be approved, as far as written, namely: Albany, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Champlain, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North Laos, Oroomiah, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, and Utica.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Binghamton reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. On page 150, the Rev. John F. Howard was received upon insufficient credentials, inasmuch as he presented no certificate of standing or of dismission from any Council or Association of the Congregational Church.

2. The applicant was subjected to no examination as to his collegiate or theological education, or in theology, both of these examinations being enjoined by the General Assembly.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Chemung reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. On page 354 there is a record of the dissolution of a pastoral relation without the presence of Commissioners from the church, or any notice of the church's concurrence.

2. In the Minutes of two special meetings, pages 366 and 367, the calls for those meetings are not recorded.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of North River reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exception :

In nearly every instance the full Christian names of the members of the Presbytery are omitted.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. The meeting of April 16 and 17, 1889, is not recorded as being closed with prayer.

2. The full names of the members of the Presbytery are not recorded.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Rochester reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, except so far as affected by the report of the Commission appointed to hear the complaint against the Presbytery, with reference to the Minutes of the First Church of Rochester.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Westchester reported, recommending that they be approved, with the following exception :

On page 107 a judgment is pronounced upon an action of a Session, and also upon that of the Moderator of a Session, without any statement of the facts on which such judgment was predicated ; that is to say, certain parties stand on record as condemned, without any indication of the matter for which they were condemned.

The report was adopted.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile and Siam were not presented.

The Committee on the Endowment of Elmira College presented the following report :

The Committee held one meeting in Syracuse about the first of April, 1889. It devised means for giving effect to the recommendation of the Synod. A circular letter, stating the needs of the College, was circulated through the religious press, and, as far as possible, the attention of the Presbyteries was called directly to the action of the Synod and the claims of the Institution.

Personal appeals have been made by some members of the Committee, but no response has been received.

Your Committee concludes that the recommendation of the Synod does not command the approbation of the ministers of the Synod ; and it hopes that the new President of the College may devise some means by which to provide the much needed endowment of the only educational institution directly under the care of the Synod of New York. The Committee respectfully asks to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

The Rev. Isaac Jennings addressed the Synod in behalf of Elmira College.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented an informal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the Nomination of Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College presented its report, which was accepted, and upon its recommendation the following were duly elected :

Trustees : Alexander S. Diven, Daniel R. Pratt, Francis Hall, Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, Rev. George H. McKnight, Mrs. Helen B. Turner, for the term of three years ; and to fill a vacancy, occasioned by the decease of Archibald McClure, Edward P. Durant, to serve for one year.

Examiners : Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. George R. Smith, for the term of three years.

On the further recommendation of the Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Frederick B. Savage, D. D., Timothy G. Darling, D. D., John McLachlan, George Alexander, D. D., and Elders Warner Van Norden and Daniel W. McWilliams were appointed a Commission of the Synod to act in conjunction with the President of the College, who is detained by severe illness, and with the Board of Trustees, in attending to matters that the President would have brought to the Synod's attention had he been present; this Commission to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel L. Upham, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and James Taylor, D. D., of the New York Baptist Association, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Rev. Nathaniel L. Upham, by invitation, addressed the Synod in relation to the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund."

On the recommendation of the Committee to which papers on this subject had been referred, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five, of which the Moderator shall be Chairman, be appointed to examine the standing, condition, and benevolent claims of the "Presbyterian Ministers' Fund," and report at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Theological Seminaries, Colleges, etc., reported, recommending the following appointments:

Auburn Seminary: *Ministers*—Edward P. Sprague, D. D., Cyrus P. Osborne, Harris R. Schenck, William R. Taylor, Joseph H. France, D. D.; *Elders*—Edward P. Gilbert, Thomas Hooker, Myron Peckins.

Union Seminary: *Ministers*—Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., John Hall, D. D., John Reid, D. D., Richard P. H. Vail, D. D., Charles S. Lane; *Elders*—Hooper C. Van Vorst, Henry Parsons, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

University of the City of New York: *Ministers*—Robert Russell Booth, D. D., J. Balcom Shaw, William A. Holliday, D. D., Clarence Geddes, Clarence H. Wilson, Hamilton B. Holmes, Thornton M. Niven, D. D.; *Elders*—Andrew W. Morehouse, Sanford R. Knapp, Henry Day.

Adams Collegiate Institute: *Ministers*—Daniel A. Ferguson, Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., George B. Spalding, D. D., William A.

Rice, Robert L. Bachman, D. D.; *Elders* — George R. Bell, Henry Waterbury.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee reports that it discharged the duties laid upon it. In view of the fact that last year's report was so comprehensive and detailed, your Committee deems it necessary only to express its satisfaction with the work that is done by this institution of learning in the cause of higher education.

It may not be inappropriate for your Committee to express the regret that this University, so commandingly situated in the great metropolis of our country, has not an endowment more adequately commensurate with its facilities and possibilities for advancing the cause of sound Christian education.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following persons were appointed the Committee, for the ensuing year, to promote the efficiency of the Synodical Aid Plan :

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, D. D., T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Asa S. Fiske, John McC. Holmes, D. D., George Alexander, D. D., William H. Littell ; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Edward P. Durant, Edward C. Walker, Horace B. Silliman.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and, after devotional services, listened to the Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., and the Rev. Samuel Jessup, of the Syrian Mission, on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Synod adjourned until Friday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 18, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committees for the ensuing year:

On Systematic Beneficence:

Chairman, Rev. Lansing Van Schoonhoven.
Home Missions: Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., Elder Louis W. Pratt.
Foreign Missions: Rev. L. Mason Clarke, Elder Stephen M. Clement.
Education: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Elder John H. Osborne.
Publication and Sabbath School Work: Rev. Charles Townsend, Elder Edward Wells.
Church Erection: Rev. George W. F. Birch, D. D., Elder Logan C. Murray.
Ministerial Relief: Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., Elder William R. Halbert.
Missions for Freedmen: Rev. George C. Yeisley, Elder Francis A. Board.
Aid for Colleges: Rev. Charles A. Richmond, Elder Horace B. Silliman.

On the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund: The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Jessup, D. D., William A. Rice, James N. Crocker, D. D., and Elders Perrin H. McGraw, and Andrew S. Long.

On the Pastoral Letter: The Rev. Messrs. Irving Magee, D. D., L. Mason Clarke, and Elder Moses C. Belknap.

On Sunday School Work: The Rev. Messrs. Douglas P. Birnie, Ninian B. Remick, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D., and Elders Horace B. Silliman and Theodore S. Hubbard.

The Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and Elder Logan C. Murray were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod.

The report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education was taken up, and Gen. Alfred B. Smith, of Poughkeepsie, addressed the Synod on the subject, by invitation.

The report was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religion and Public Education was instructed to report this year, "the full legal status of the question before them in the State of New York, and the actual practice of its schools in the chief cities and towns."

I. The actual practice of the schools.

The educational machinery in the State of New York is vast and complicated, since our system includes 9 Normal Schools, 31,726 Common Schools, 7 Indian Reservations, 7 Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, 1 for the Blind, and 1 Nautical School. The Committee confined its inquiries to the three classes first named.

In twenty-five cities of the State, Superintendents of Public Instruction are employed, under whose supervision the Common Schools are placed. The town, or rural schools, are under the care of 114 Commissioners. The State Superintendent at Albany has general supervision of the whole.

In order to ascertain the actual practice of the schools, the Committee submitted to the school officials of the State a list of questions, a portion of which it quotes:

1. What is the number of schools under your jurisdiction, and within what geographical limits are they comprised?

2. In how many of these is the Bible read?

3. In how many is prayer offered?

4. In how many are Christian hymns sung?

5. Is all positive religious teaching prohibited?

6. Is any positive teaching required, and if so, what?

7. If neither forbidden nor required, is religious teaching given, and, if so, to what extent?

8. Would public sentiment within your jurisdiction favor habitual instruction in such truths as the existence of a personal God; individual responsibility to God; the immortality of the soul; a future state of rewards and punishments; and the authority of the Ten Commandments and of the Sermon on the Mount?

9. Is positive instruction in morality required?

10 What moral traits are included in this course of instruction?

11. Are text books used for this purpose, and, if so, what?

12 If no text-books are employed, would you advise the introduction of any?

To this circular, replies were received from twenty-two of the twenty-five City Superintendents, or from about 82 per cent. of the school population in cities. In fourteen out of these twenty-two cities the Bible is read in the schools daily; prayer is offered in ten; nine use the Lord's Prayer only; in five the reading of the Bible is prohibited; in nine prayer is never heard; Christian hymns are used in but six; fifteen out of twenty-two prohibit religious teaching.

With reference to morals, the Superintendents of sixteen cities report that the following traits are insisted upon, viz.: Self-control, punctuality, politeness, cleanliness, obedience, truthfulness, honesty, good manners. In Brooklyn, "Temperance in the use of stimulants and narcotics" is the only moral subject in which instruction is required. Cohoes, Hudson, Newburgh, Schenectady and Troy require no moral instruction, while Rochester and Utica inculcate Christian virtues. But the reports, as a whole, indicate a prevalent laxity, or indifference to the subject, on the part of the school authorities in cities.

For the schools in the country districts, only 71 of the 114 Commissioners responded to the inquiries of the Committee. Of these replies, three were so slovenly as to be worthless for the purposes of the Committee. Only sixty-eight can be utilized.

Of the 311,832 children in average attendance upon the town schools, 187,446 have thus been heard from, or about 61 per cent. Half of the number report that the Bible is read daily, and several that it is read occasionally. Prayer is seldom or never heard. The majority of the Commissioners was not able to say whether Christian hymns are used or not. Most of them state that religious instruction is not prohibited in the schools under their care, while fifty-five out of the seventy-one say that no religious instruction is required. Commissioner Sandford, of Westchester, is the only one who calls attention to the decisions of the State Department, made by such men as General Dix, John C. Spencer, and Messrs. Randall and Ruggles, to which rulings attention will be called later on in this report.

With regard to instruction in morality, it is a startling fact that thirty-six out of seventy-one Commissioners report that none is required in the schools under their care. Sixteen out of seventy-one, however, state that "all the moral virtues are taught in their schools."

In reply to the questions touching the use of the Bible, prayer, and hymns, in the country schools, it was not uncommon for Commissioners to write, "I do not know." In fact, the answers, in a majority of cases, were purely conjectural and indicated very clearly the indifference of a large number of public officials to this vital part of our educational system. Evidently the subject is not familiar to most of the Commissioners of the State; and that it is regarded of little consequence is plain from the fact that, of the 114 Commissioners, no less than forty-three paid no attention whatever to the matter, and sent the Committee no reply, though twice requested to do so.

Passing over the Indian Reservations, we come to the Normal Schools of the State; whose reports are the most favorable. Eight out of nine sent replies to the Committee. In all, the Bible is read and prayer is offered daily, and in none is the Lord's Prayer alone used. In seven, Christian hymns are sung daily.

In reply to the question, What religious teaching is given? the following answers were received: "Christian ethics, responsibility to God, such truths as are accepted by all denominations, morning exercises, Young Men's Christian Association, semi-weekly prayer-meetings."

The question, What moral traits are included in this course of instruction? is answered thus: "All necessary to good citizenship, the Ten Commandments, honesty, integrity, purity, promptness." One reply is difficult to understand, "Physical, mental and religious morality." Few text-books on morals are in use, and there seems to be no strong desire for their introduction.

The conclusions to which your Committee has been led by this review of the actual practice in the public schools are such as the following:

1. There is throughout the State schools a deplorable and disgraceful neglect of the moral and spiritual natures of the pupils.

2. There is a prevailing inability to discriminate between religion, as defined by question 8 of the circular, and sectarianism.

3. This discrimination must be made and enforced by all who deal with the subject in its relation to our public schools.

4. The Synod has a most important and even vital duty providentially imposed upon it, which it would be disastrous to the welfare of the State to neglect.

5. The end to be kept continually in view, until it is fully reached, is the formation of a public sentiment which shall frame and enforce a law suitably providing for the incorporation with the school curriculum, as an essential part of it, of those theistic truths which are expressed in the circular, and the moral virtues which legitimately spring out of them.

II. The legal status in the State of New York.

In order to ascertain this, the Committee entered into correspondence with several well known legal gentlemen. These three questions were submitted: 1. What laws are now in force in this State concerning either moral or religious instruction in the public schools? 2. What legal force have the published decisions of the State Superintendent of public Instruction? 3. Does the State Constitution contain anything which would prevent the introduction of religious, not denominational or sectarian, instruction, into the public school curriculum?

The legal opinions received by the Committee may be summarized as follows: 1. The laws of the State make no provision for either moral or religious instruction in our public schools. They do provide for instruction "in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system." 2. The public decisions of the Superintendents of Public Instruction have the force of law. The Superintendent is made by the statute a judicial tribunal in respect to the matters over which he is given jurisdiction. The act provides that his decisions shall be final, and not subject to question or review in any place or court whatever. The only legal way in which they can be overruled is by testing the constitutionality of the statute by which the Superintendent of Public Instruction is given such authority.

The Superintendents have uniformly decided that religious instruction, including the reading of the Bible and prayer, forms no part of the course and must be excluded from the schools during school hours. It goes without saying that the general enforcement of these decisions would put an end to the modicum of religious exercises now occasionally observed. In some cases school trustees have prohibited the reading of the Scriptures and the offering of prayer in the presence of scholars, even out of school hours. Occasionally this has been done in preference to maintaining the customary exercises, and then excusing from attendance upon them those pupils whose parents or guardians were opposed.

In closing, your Committee calls attention to a statement of Superintendent Draper, concerning compulsory educational methods in European schools, which he made to the last legislature. He says, in part: "Attendance has been compelled in Germany since 1873, in England since 1870, and in France since 1882. All private schools in each nation are required to have the approval of the government, and all proprietors or managers of such schools who do not comply with the provisions of the general school law are liable to severe punishment for their delinquency. Indeed, all private schools become public schools in a sense, by reason of being subjected to government supervision and control. * * * In cases where children are instructed at home, measures are taken to see that the study and instruction are equivalent to those in the public schools. * * * The qualifications of teachers in private schools are as rigidly fixed by law as those of the public schools."

These facts are significant in connection with the words used by your Committee last year. "In view of the noteworthy increase of parochial schools, it is not too early, perhaps, for the State to secure and insist upon a legitimate supervision of all schools within its domain." And your Committee still maintains, in the language of the resolution adopted in 1887, and in substance reaffirmed by the General Assembly at Philadelphia in 1888, that "Without claiming it to be the province of the State to teach religion for religion's sake, the Synod should yet confess its belief, that, in order to the State's own interest, there should be in every school maintained by the State the inculcation of such principles of dependence upon God and obligation to Him, as are essential to sound learning, safe character, and wholesome citizenship."

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Religion and Public Education be continued, with a view of communicating with similar Committees appointed by other bodies, and in general keeping under its supervision the varied aspects and interests of the questions involved, and to report to the Synod at some future time as necessity may arise.

Elder Alfred B. Smith was added to the Committee.

Rev. Achmen F. V. Giesen of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Church, being present, wa sinvited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee calls attention to the following facts:

More than ever before, the ministers of the gospel are preaching pointedly and solemnly on the sins of drunkenness and drunkard-making. The temperance sentiment is more deeply implanted in the minds of the children. Parents are giving more instruction on this subject. In the Sabbath Schools the lessons show the sin of intemperance. Frequently temperance services are held. Bands of Hope in connection with the churches are shaping the ideas of children regarding the great evil, while in the public schools much instruction is given concerning the effects of alcohol on the human system.

More and more each year the powerful influence of the press is brought to bear against this gigantic evil. The leading railroads and other corporations are ceasing to employ even moderate drinkers, for sagacious business-men are beginning to see that the surest way to have clear heads and right balance-sheets is to have employees who practise total abstinence. Labor organizations have been discussing the question of using intoxicating liquors, until they begin to realize that the dram-shop is one of the worst foes of the workingmen; that the millions of money they have been putting into the pockets of the liquor-dealers would have gone far toward purchasing comfortable homes. Coffee-houses are increasing in number, which, while they furnish temperance drinks and good meals at merely nominal prices, also, through their reading

rooms, meet the cravings of men for social life, and do much to offset the temptations of the saloon.

Taxpayers, inside and outside of the Church, are seeing more clearly that poverty and crime, the chief reasons for high taxes, are caused mainly by intemperance, and are studying the means by which the cause may be removed. Wives, mothers and daughters, more quick than men to perceive any peril menacing the happiness and purity of the home, are becoming more earnest in the resolve to put away this great destroyer.

Facts like these show such progress that we should be profoundly grateful to God, and should take new courage and inspiration as we go forward in the work of reformation.

"The entire extinction of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the goal to which the General Assembly looks forward"; and an important requisite to reach this goal is "the power of conscience enlightened by the word of God, and the strong arm of the civil law." Our church, in an unbroken series of deliverances, has put itself on record as fully determined upon the utter extermination of the liquor traffic, which, to use the language of the Assembly, is "the principal cause of drunkenness, and its consequent pauperism, crime, taxation, lamentation, woe and ruin to the bodies and souls of men." What wonder that our church gives no hint of compromise with this foe of God and humanity. We must put the standard where God puts it, and keep it there. Half-way measures are unchurchly and unscriptural. No more than Luther would grant the sale of indulgences, must the church to-day sanction laws permitting evil. Since God teaches us that drunkenness is a sin, and has pronounced a woe upon him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips, we cannot advocate, either by voice or vote, laws which favor the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

It is recommended:

1. That pastors and congregations bear in mind that the chief weapon for the destruction of all evils that oppose the gospel is "the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

2. That "disclaiming all connection with, or relation to, political action or measures," they persevere in vigorous efforts for the entire suppression of the liquor traffic.

3. That each Session, instead of leaving it to outside worldly organizations, lead in the work of shaping public sentiment on the subject of temperance.

4. That each Session circulate temperance literature, particularly that issued by the General Assembly's Temperance Committee, and secure each year offerings in aid of the work of this Committee.

5. That pastors and laymen exercise great care in testing statistics and various data bearing on this subject, now common in the public prints, many of which are erroneous, and do injury to the cause of truth.

6. That Sessions, in so far as they can agree upon its lines, have temperance instruction given in their Sabbath Schools.

7. That each Presbytery hold a popular temperance service, annually, in connection with one of its stated meetings.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report:

1. The attention of the Synod is called to the answer given by the Assembly (page 101), to the Overture from this Synod in reference to the keeping of the Records of the Presbyteries in printed form. The answer is in the affirmative, and prescribes the following conditions:

1. That the Minutes be fully and accurately kept and recorded.

2. That they be preserved in volumes, and not left to separate pamphlets, and be carefully paged.

3. That they have blanks left for corrections and approval.

4. That the Minutes of every meeting be duly authenticated by the written name of the Stated Clerk, or some other officer appointed to authenticate them.

2. To the recommendation (pp. 102, 103), in regard to the formation of new Presbyteries.

The report was accepted.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. James W. Mairs, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss M. G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Janet N. Templeton, Mrs. William N. Strong.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida Storrs, Miss Editha Stevens, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. J. S. Leverett.

Boston—Miss Elizabeth M. Kimball, Mrs. Andrew Burrows, Miss Jennie F. McKissick.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Hiram B. Jackson, Miss Grace E. Cook, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Cruickshank, Mrs. George H. Pilsbury.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. Herman Mynter, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam, Mrs. J. C. Bryant.

Cayuga—Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. H. G. Wise, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas, Miss W. S. Childs, Miss Nellie Hopkins.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely, Mrs. Charles C. Carr, Mrs. H. W. Strang.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. Titus E. Davis.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. A. M. Wickes, Miss Fannie J. Buxton.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen A. Hawley, Mrs. B. F. Pritchard, Mrs. E. H. Dickinson.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Seth B. Cole, Mrs. Henry Farnum.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. P. R. Reilley, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Littell, Miss Sara J. Adams.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Miss B. B. Ryerson, Miss Mary A. Aldrich.

Nassau—Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Mrs. George H. Payson, Miss Sarah Dakin, Miss Florence N. McCormick.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. Magill, Mrs. A. B. Browning, Mrs. James S. Ramsay, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. C. H. Fowler, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Mrs. Charles J. Howell, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Emma G. Wheeler, Mrs. LeRoy Cooley.

Otsego—Mrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, Miss Catharine Roseboom, Mrs. James H. Robinson, Miss Mary L. Abell.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. David R. Eddy.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss P. F. Hubbard, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke, Mrs. H. C. Deane.

Steuben—Mrs. William A. Niles, Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Mrs. William H. Rice, Miss Mary Lockhart, Mrs. N. C. Taylor, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. N. E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. J. E. Myers, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. L. E. Phillips, Mrs. James Frazer.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Herman Goodman.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Mrs. Albert H. Chester, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss A. Loomis.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Mrs. Edgar L. Heermance, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. F. A. Walker.

The Rev. George P. Noble reported that he had conveyed the salutations of the Synod to the Woman's Committee on Home Missions, and the message of the Synod was cordially reciprocated.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College:

Elder Horace B. Silliman, Chairman: *Ministers*—Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Robert L. Bachman, D. D., Charles C. Hemenway, J. Wilford Jacks, T. Ralston Smith, D. D., William A. Rice, Charles P. Coit, Thomas S. Hastings, D. D., Anthony H. Evans; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Logan C. Murray, George C. Buell, William L. Doyle.

The following minute was adopted:

Touching the apportionment for raising the Synodical Aid Fund, the Synod recognizes, with due appreciation, the fact that the large cities, especially New York, have weighty demands made upon them in providing for the spiritual wants of their great incoming population, and that their work, in response to these demands, is well done. At the same time the Synod commends to the just and kind consideration of the Presbyteries and churches in these cities, the many churches within our bounds made weak by the loss of elements that have helped, to so large an extent, to make the centers strong.

The Committee to nominate the members of the Permanent Committee on Temperance reported, recommending the reappointment of the committee of last year, namely: *Ministers*—Charles P. Coit, Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D.; *Elders*—George S. White, Frank M. Ellery.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Committee has examined the accounts of the Acting Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and it finds the same correct.

The amount in the Treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is $1,059.75.

It is recommended:

That the rate of apportionment for the coming year be one-half cent for each communicant; but that the officers of the Synod be authorized to increase the rate, if extraordinary expenses should render it necessary.

The Committee, having reason to believe that valuable brethren are deterred from attending the Synod on account of the expense, further recommends:

That a Committee of one minister and two elders be appointed to consider the advisableness of adopting a system of mileage similar to that of the General Assembly, to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

In fulfillment of the duty assigned it of nominating a Treasurer, the committee recommends that the Stated Clerk be elected the Treasurer of the Synod.

The Finance Committee also reported the following minute:

Since the last meeting of the Synod, the Lord has called to his reward, Mr. Archibald McClure, a Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Albany, and the Treasurer of this Synod from its organization to the date of his death. Mr. McClure was a man of affairs, diligently engaged in active business, yet in all ways devoted to the interests of benevolent and Christian work, abounding in cheerful labors as an elder of the church, and in patient toil in the service of many institutions. His admirable

service rendered to the Synod, his uniform urbanity, and his consecration to the Divine Master, entitle his memory to the loving veneration of the Synod, and call for the expression of its warmest sympathy with the bereaved family and friends, and of its profound sorrow at the great loss sustained, in the death of Mr. McClure, by the Church he so dearly loved and so effectively served.

The minute was adopted unanimously, and it was ordered that a copy, duly attested, be sent to the family of Mr. McClure.

The Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., and Elders Warner Van Norden and Kiliaen Van Rensselaer were appointed the Committee to consider and report upon a system of mileage for the Synod.

It was referred to the same Committee to consider the question of the payment of expenses incurred by Committees of the Synod.

The Committee on the place of the next meeting reported that a most cordial invitation to the Synod had been received, to hold the next stated meeting in the First Church of Lockport, and recommended that the invitation be accepted.

The recommendation was adopted; and it was ordered that the next annual meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church in the city of Lockport, and that our Ministers in that city, and the Elders of the several churches, be appointed a Committee of Arrangements, with the Rev. Anthony H. Evans as Chairman.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers and recommendations:

1. A request from the Church of Woodhaven, to be transferred from the Presbytery of Nassau to the Presbytery of Brooklyn. The petition is accompanied by certified copies of the action of both Presbyteries, assenting to the transfer.

It is recommended that the request be granted, and that the Church of Woodhaven be, and it hereby is, transferred from the Presbytery of Nassau to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

2. An overture from the Presbytery of Otsego, asking for a definition by the Synod, of the province and functions of the Synodical Superintendents, as related to the duty of the Presbyteries to take the care and oversight of the churches within their bounds.

The following answer is recommended:

The Synod explicitly declares that, in enacting and operating its Plan of Sustentation, it is not intended to interfere with the constitutional rights of the Presbytery.

The Superintendents are charged with supervising the operations under the Plan of Sustentation, and giving the utmost effect to its provisions; but in every case, with due reference to Presbyterial authority, and welcoming the direction and coöperation of the Presbytery.

3. An overture from the Presbytery of Troy, asking the Synod to change the title of "Synodical Superintendent" to that of "Synodical Evangelist."

In view of the answer to the preceding overture, it is recommended that it be considered inexpedient to grant this request.

4. A communication from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, reporting the action of that Presbytery in the reception of the Rev. George McArthur, from the Edinburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church. It appears that Mr. McArthur's credentials were found to be in order, and that his examination was satisfactory. Whereupon Mr. McArthur was received as a member of the Presbytery, subject to the approval of the Synod.

It is recommended that the action of the Presbytery thus far be approved, but that Mr. McArthur be not enrolled until the expiration of the year of probation prescribed by the General Assembly.

5. A certified copy of the Minutes of the Presbytery of Oroomiah, conveying a request for the erection of a new Presbytery in Persia, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Oroomiah, to be known as the Presbytery of Eastern Persia; and a farther request that the name of the Presbytery of Oroomiah be changed to that of Western Persia.

The reasons assigned are that the bounds of the Presbytery extend a distance of four hundred miles, or twelve days' journey, and that the Persian language is used in the Eastern Mission, while the Turkish is used in the Western.

It is recommended that, as soon as a sufficient number of ministers shall be found to constitute a Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel L. Ward, James W. Hawkes and Joseph L. Potter, with their associates and the churches that may be on the ground, be authorized to meet and constitute a Presbytery coterminous with the bounds of the Eastern Persia Mission, to be known as the Presbytery of Eastern Persia; and that they be required, immediately upon such action, to notify the Stated Clerk of the Synod and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Oroomiah; whereupon, the name of the new Presbytery shall be added to the roll of the Synod, and the names of its members shall be stricken from the roll of the Presbytery of Oroomiah.

It is further recommended that, upon the consummation of this action, the name of the Presbytery of Oroomiah shall be the Presbytery of Western Persia.

6. An earnest appeal to Christians, by the members of the Chile Mission, for prayer in behalf of Chile; especially requesting that those who are willing to unite with them in a weekly observance of prayer for that, and other darkened Papal lands, send their names to any member of the Evangelical Union.

The Committee commends this request to the attention of the Synod. and the officers and members of its churches.

The recommendations were adopted.

The members of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day were re-appointed as the Permanent Committee, namely: *Ministers*—Edward Bristol, William A. Rice, William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Samuel B. Howe.

The special resolution concerning the observance of the Lord's Day, previously referred, was reported back, and referred to the Permanent Committee.

The Committee to which was referred by the Synod, last year, certain exceptions to the Records of the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Lyons, having reference in both cases to the same matter, namely, the installation of a pastor over the Victory and Second Wolcott Churches, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. The Church of Victory, belonging to the Presbytery of Cayuga, called a licentiate of that Presbytery to be its pastor, and he was duly installed.

2. The Second Church of Wolcott, in the Presbytery of Lyons, called the same person to be its pastor, and with the concurrence of the said Presbytery the candidate was installed over this church also, by the Presbytery of Cayuga.

The ground for this procedure, as far as the Committee can ascertain, is the action of the General Assembly of 1870 (Digest, p. 139), "That, when two or more congregations, on different sides of a Synodical or Presbyterial line, are under one pastoral charge they shall all, for the time, belong to that Presbytery with which the minister is connected, but only so long as such pastoral relation continues."

This action is silent as to the time when, or the process by which, such churches are to be transferred from one jurisdiction to another; and it must be interpreted as simply directory, and not as a virtual amendment of the Constitution of the Church, Chap. XVI, Sec. 3.

In the present case it appears that the two churches were enrolled, each in a different Presbytery, for several months after the act of installation, and that the minister was dismissed to the Presbytery of Lyons September 19, 1888, and received by the latter April 9, 1889.

The Committee therefore recommends that the Synod declare the action of the Presbyteries in this case irregular, and the exception to their Records last year well taken.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

Your Committee reports that it was present at the examinations and closing exercises of the Seminary in May last; that the institution is worthy of the continued confidence of the Church: that its chairs are filled with wise, safe and faithful professors; that its students, with few exceptions, give good promise of usefulness in the work of the ministry; and that the Committee could discover nothing to condemn, but little to criticise, and much to approve.

The Committees on the Records of Cayuga and Lyons Presbyteries reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare rules for the guidance of committees charged with examining the Records of the Presbyteries reported that it had not completed its work, and asked to be continued.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

The committee appointed last year to co-operate with other similar committees, in securing an increase in the number of Army Chaplains, reported that it had been in the receipt of correspondence and of valuable information concerning the important object entrusted to its care, but had not been able to complete its business. It therefore asked to be continued.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

The Woman's Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

The amount paid the Woman's Executive Committee by Presbyterial societies in the Synod, for the last year, is $57,184.49. The value of boxes sent to the families of missionaries is $40,054.25.

Notwithstanding the large advance in gifts, the year closed with a debt of $27,619.47 on the general fund. This is attributable partly to the extension of the work and partly to the large amounts given to special objects, such as hospitals, school buildings and furnishing. For this debt, $15,289.93 has been raised by special effort, of which sum this Synod has contributed $3,362.91.

The plan of Synodical visitors has been successful in arousing interest, increasing gifts, and bringing new laborers into the field. As the work grows in magnitude and urgency, and as so much is required for the erection of new buildings and repairing old ones, the Committee, appreciating the encouragement given by the Synod in the past, solicits its further help towards increasing the number and efficiency of the schools.

The Committee of Visitors to Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

This Seminary closed another successful year May 7, 1889. Of the five ministers on the Committee, four attended, and of the three elders, two. The Committee was represented at every examination.

The number of students connected with the Seminary during the year is 134, namely: 2 fellows, 5 graduates, 44 juniors, 47 in the middle class, and 36 seniors.

The Committee was pleased especially with the enthusiasm, harmony and painstaking assiduity of the Faculty; the beauty and convenience of the buildings; the facilities provided for health and comfort; the evidence of general diligence in study; a marked devotion to spiritual interests; a special reverence for the authority of the Scriptures, and the general promise of usefulness on the part of the students of the institution.

The Committee reminds the Synod and all friends of the institution that the pecuniary needs of the Seminary are urgent. In common with many of our educational institutions, it has been and continues to be seriously affected by the decline in the current rates of interest. Some years ago it was thought its six professorships were completely and finally endowed. Then $80,000 at 7 per cent. interest yielded enough, and more than enough, for a professor's salary of $5,000. Five per cent. interest is now the maximum rate upon sound securities; and, as a result, the original endowments are insufficient. The Directors have undertaken to raise the sum of $120,000, to bring up the endowment of each professorship to $100,000. The situation is so clear, and the necessity so obvious, that it is hoped the numerous friends of the Seminary will appreciate the facts and generously respond.

As the Seminary is not under the control of the Synod, the Committee desires to emphasize the cordial welcome it received. Every facility was afforded for inquiring into the teaching methods, and the internal discipline of the institution, as well as a full opportunity of freely questioning the students.

The Committee most cordially commends the Seminary to the confidence of the Synod and to the generous support and sympathy of the church.

The annual financial report of the Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to take measures towards procuring an amendment of the Marriage Laws of the State of New York presented the following report:

In obedience to the instructions of the Synod last year, a second memorial on this subject to the Legislature of our State, under date of February 16, 1889, was prepared by the Committee, printed, and sent to members of both houses of the Legislature, and to influential newspapers. The matter, from time to time, was urged upon the attention of the Legislature, and in accordance with the memorial a bill was prepared by a member of this Committee, the Hon. Edward C. Walker, and by him introduced into the Senate, where it passed unanimously, but in the Assembly its passage was obstructed, delayed, and finally defeated.

The Synod possibly may devise some better method of attaining the desired end, but in any event, the present Committee asks to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Synod it was reported, informally, that no business had come before them during the past year.

The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the Synod, in place of those whose term of office now expires, reported, recommending the following persons, who were duly elected Trustees of the Synod for the term of three years: the Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., the Rev. George Alexander, D. D., and Elders Edward Wells and Warner Van Norden.

The report of the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund was presented, accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The following minute was adopted:

The Synod has noticed with regret that some Presbyteries are not represented at this session by their Elders. In the judgment of the Synod the presence of the Elders is eminently desirable, and is required by proper ecclesiastical order; and it is earnestly enjoined upon the Presbyteries to use their utmost diligence in securing the punctual attendance of all their delegates at every session of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to retire from the Synod before the close of its sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Andrew V. V. Raymond, A. Russell Stevenson; Elders—Edward P. Durant, Charles S. Allen, M. D., Alexander J. Thomson.

Binghamton: Minister—John V. C. Nellis; Elders—Amasa J. Hoyt, John W. Keese.

Boston: Minister—J. Longhran Scott; Elder—Robert Moir.

Brooklyn: Elder—Theron L. Neff.

Buffalo: Ministers—Henry Ward, Philos G. Cook, George Runciman; Elders—Stephen M. Clement, William L. Doyle, Clinton T. Fish.

Cayuga: Ministers—James K. Philips, Edward P. Sprague.

Chemung: Elder—George B. Patterson.

Columbia: Minister—Titus E. Davis.

Genesee: Minister—James A. Anderson; Elders—Edward C. Walker, William R. Halbert, John S. Barton.

Geneva: Minister—Henry H. Lipes; Elder—Theodore S. Hubbard.

Hudson: Ministers—David F. Bonner, James C. Forsythe, Charles Beattie; Elders—Winthrop S. Gilman, Zebulon W. Vanderoef.

Long Island: Ministers—Frederick V. Frisbie, Epher Whitaker; Elders—Selah B. Strong, Jehiel S. Raynor.

Lyons: Ministers—Alexander D. McIntosh, Howard Cornell.

Nassau: Ministers—Rockwood MacQuesten, George H. Cleveland; Elders—John D. Fish, Seth S. Surdam, William A. Torrey.

New York: Elders—Warner Van Norden, Thomas S. Strong, Ewen McIntyre, Logan C. Murray.

Niagara: Elder—Ely H. Cook.

North River: Elders—Augustus G. Clark, Moses C. Belknap, David B. Abbey.

Rochester: Minister—Nelson Millard; Elders—George H. Comstock, George C. Buell, Louis Chapin.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—Daniel A. Ferguson, William F. Skinner; Elders—William Rogers, George R. Bell, James Brodie.

Steuben: Elder—Robert C. Mead.

Syracuse: Ministers—Judson Swift, L. Mason Clarke; Elder—James W. Eager.

Troy: Ministers—Hector Hall, William H. Sybrandt, Adrian V. S. Wallace; Elders—J. DeWitt Qua, John G. Hawley.

Utica: Ministers—Theodore F. Jessup, Charles H. Van Wie; Elders—Moses M. Gray, Lewis T. Sherrill, Israel White, Eli Marsh.

Westchester: Ministers—Harris R. Schenck, John E. Bushnell, William B. Waller, Charles S. Lane; Elders—Stanton Cady, George D. Cragin, Milton Frost, Richard R. Tyers.

The report was accepted.

The several standing committees, having reported that they had no further business to present, were discharged.

The following minute was adopted unanimously:

Whereas, Our sojourn, during these golden days of October, in the city of Poughkeepsie, far famed as the city of churches, schools, Christian homes, and general refinement, has been most delightful and profitable; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Synod tenders its most hearty thanks to the Pastor and Elders of the church constituting the efficient Committee of Arrangements; to the members of the congregation and the generous people of other churches who opened their homes and welcomed us to their hospitality; to the organist and choir of this church for their very valuable services; to the President and Trustees of Vassar College; to the Poughkeepsie Bridge Company; to the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; to the Press of the city, and especially to the Rev. E. Livingston Allen for his excellent reports in the *Daily Eagle;* to Dr. Wheeler for his grand missionary hymn and other great services rendered; to the ladies of the congregation for their excellent and bountiful collation; and to all who in any way contributed to the success of these sessions.

2. That we shall remember, with unfailing delight, the kindness experienced, and shall cherish the memories of this meeting as among the most delightful in our experience.

Responses were made, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, by the Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., and Elder Alfred B. Smith.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—Charles E. Dunn; Elder—Louis W. Pratt.
Binghamton: Elder—Perrin H. McGraw.
Boston: Elder—James Frame.
Cayuga: Minister—Henry P. Hamilton; Elders—Edward P. Gilbert, Arthur B. Brooks.
Champlain: Minister—Geo. A. Jameson.
Chemung: Minister—Christian W. Winnie.
Columbia: Minister—George Le Fevre.
Geneva: Minister—William H. Webb.
Hudson: Minister—Thomas Gordon.
Lyons: Elder—Frank H. Closs.
Nassau: Minister—John D. Long.
New York: Ministers—John M. Worrall, Charles L. Thompson.
North River: Elder—Lewis P. Streit.
Rochester: Ministers—Charles P. Coit, Corliss B. Gardner, Samuel A. Freeman; Elders—George V. Hahn, Alonzo L. Mabbett.
St. Lawrence: Elder—Samuel F. Bagg.
Syracuse: Minister—William A. Rice; Elders—George G. French, David Waldron.
Troy: Minister—John Tatlock; Elder—Daniel C. Briggs.
Utica: Minister—Thomas J. Brown; Elder—Daniel Livermore.
Westchester: Elder—Daniel H. Knapp.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church in the city of Lockport, on the third Tuesday (the 21st day) of October, A. D. 1890, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

To our Brethren in Christ throughout our State, in New England, and in distant lands, the Synod of New York sends greeting:

By the grace that is given unto her, she thanks God continually for your peace and harmony, and essential fidelity to the faith once for all delivered unto the saints.

She rejoices in the spiritual prosperity which God has been pleased to vouchsafe during the past year, and congratulates you upon the reasonable immunity from great temporal misfortune, such as has befallen some of our sister churches in other States, while she as heartily extends to them her Christian sympathy.

But while recognizing God's unchangeable fidelity to His promises, shown by His care during the century of our church life, and the evidence of His approval in this first year of a new century, the Synod cannot hesitate to exhort you to renewed and more zealous effort for the welfare of the entire church in all its work, both temporal and spiritual. She therefore brings to you each, with the opening of a new Synodical year, her word of incitement as well as of congratulation.

To you, Presbyters, she offers an especial charge to be more faithful even than hitherto, in the employment of the powers committed to you of God, and not of man; more faithful in seeking and following divine wisdom in selecting and setting apart discreet men for the offices of the church, and in urging upon them the fulfillment of all the conditions imposed by the experience of this century past; that the churches may have set over them as bishops educated and trained men, beyond the cavil and ungodly criticism of a gainsaying world. As far as in you lies, seek for the establishment and perpetuation of the pastoral relation in the highest spiritual sense, and for the welfare of the individual church, discountenancing divorce in this matter, except for scriptural reasons; and especially in your care of the feebler churches show such wisdom and such generosity that the poor may have a pure and free gospel preached to them equally with the more favored. She urges you to come freely to the aid of your Synodical missionaries in their work, yet not relaxing in the least your efforts in behalf of the Boards of our church, but rather strengthening them all as God shall give you ability. And may God's Spirit grant you grace and wisdom so to perform all the responsible duties of your high position as to contribute to the growth and peace of the churches under your care.

She also enjoins upon you, ministers in charge of the local churches, to be indeed as God's watchmen upon the walls of Zion, seeking the growth and prosperity of Jerusalem, protecting and feeding the flock in all its needs, both as faithful pastors and worthy teachers, neglecting not to counsel and advise, and even admonish, as God shall give you opportunity. Loyal to your ordination vows, be faithful in preaching the truth, opposing all false doctrine, and standing for all that is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and of good report in the church and in the community, that through your lives and teachings worthy successors may be encouraged to take up your work when you lay it down, and that you may be ready in all good conscience in the day of His appearing.

And upon you, brethren of the Session, the Synod urges that you more thoroughly familiarize yourselves with the duties of your high office, and administer them, with your pastor, to the greater glory of God and the welfare of His church. Upon you is laid more of pastoral work in visiting and counseling than, we fear, is practised in these days. While the elders are not charged with the responsibility of keeping any from the Table of the Lord who may rightfully come, yet too great care cannot be exercised in this direction. It is yours to see to it, as far as God gives you power, that the vows of church members are more faithfully kept; that the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism are not neglected in the families under your charge; that the ordinances of the Lord's day are observed, and the sanctity of its hallowed hours is not violated by any disregard of its laws; that the stated meetings of the church are maintained to the edification of the whole people; and that no scandal brings discredit on the cause of Christ.

And you, deacons, to whom is committed the care, in temporal things, of members of the church, be faithful, that all may be watched over, and provided for, as is befitting a body whose motive is Christ's law of love. Neglect not the children; watch over the young people; care for the sick; encourage and aid any in distress of mind, body, or estate; and show yourselves, Elders and Deacons alike, to be faithful stewards, exercising a diligence which, before God and your own conscience, shall not make you ashamed.

Finally, for you, the people in the churches under her care, the Synod prays that you may be indeed temples in which dwells the Spirit of God; that you may be in sympathy with Him and His work, always ready to obey His guiding; not neglecting His ordinances, nor the stated assembling of yourselves together for His worship.

Remember, that through you the world is to be converted to Christ. You are His ministers, His witnesses. You are not to seek your own pleasure, or accomplish your own ends, to the prejudice of His cause. Quench not the Spirit; despise not His teaching; prove all things; hold fast that which is good; abstain from every appearance of evil; while you build each other up in every good work, supporting the weak, and showing long-suffering towards all. Neglect not the family altar or the closet; train your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and in all things with prayer and godly conversation prove yourselves above reproach in your own lives, and in your families, in the church and in the community.

And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame, to the coming of our Lord! Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

SAMUEL JESSUP,
Moderator.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

ISAAC JENNINGS,
GEORGE C. CURTIS,
WILLIAM J. DONOVAN,
Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-four ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

December 11, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Dunn, from the Presbytery of Nassau; Rev. Samuel R. Biggar, from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. John Dooley, from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Leicester J. Sawyer, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Emerson G. Wicks, from the Congregational Association of Florida;
June 11, 1889, Rev. Charles E. Herbert, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery :

December 12, 1888, William H. Dodd;
April 17, 1889, Henry J. Bishop;
June 11, Murray Gardner.

Licentiates received:

April 16, 1889, James Eells, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 11, 1888, between Rev. William R. Terrett, D. D., and the Second Church of Saratoga Springs;
April 16, 1889, between Rev. Daniel M. Countermine and the Church of Batchellerville;
September 17, between Rev. John Dunlap and the Church of New Scotland;
October 4, between Rev. James D. Paxton and the East Avenue Church, Schenectady.

Licensed:

April 16, 1889, Peter McQueen;
June 11, Murray Gardner.

Ordination :

June 7, 1889, James Eells.

Installations:

December 20, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Dunn, over the Third Church, Albany;
December 18, Rev. Samuel R. Biggar, over the Church of Ballston Center;
May 15, 1889, Rev. Leicester J. Sawyer, over the Emmanuel Church, Amsterdam;
May 14, Rev. Emerson G. Wicks, over the Church at Sand Lake;
May 8, Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, over the Church at West Milton;
June 7, Rev. James Eells, over the Second Church of Saratoga Springs;
June 18, Rev. Alvin Cooper, over the Church at Jefferson.

Ministers dismissed:

December 11, 1888, Rev. John H. Trussell, to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. James W. Johnston, to the Presbytery of Fayetteville;

April 16, 1889, Rev. Jesse A. B. Oglevee, to the Presbytery of Emporia;

June 7, Rev. Daniel M. Countermine, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Frederick W. Ruhl, to the Classis of Schoharie.

Church organized:

June 18, 1889, Bethany Church, at Menand's.

Ministers deceased:

May 20, 1887, in New Orleans, La., Rev. Lumas H. Pease, in the 76th year of his age;

March 16, 1889, in Albany, Rev. Philander J. Burnham, in the 79th year of his age;

May 31, in Gloversville, Rev. Joseph S. Heacock, in the 71st year of his age.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Minister received:

April 16, 1889, Rev. John F. Howard, from a Congregational Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 16, 1889, Charles L. Palmer;
September 17, Frank H. Bisbee.

License conferred and Licentiate received:

June 18, 1889, Charles H. Manwarren;
April 15, Leslie R. Groves, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Ordination:

June 18, 1889, Leslie R. Groves.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

November 28, 1888, between Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson and the church at McGrawville;

June 18, 1889, between Rev. Louis H. Bahler and the church at Preble;

August 5, between Rev. George M. Janes and the Second Church of Coventry;

September 17, between Rev. Stephen G. Hopkins and the church at Deposit.

Installation:

June 18, 1889, Rev. Leslie R. Groves, over the church at McGrawville.

Ministers dismissed:

November 28, 1888, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
April 15, 1889, Rev. E. Woodward Brown, to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, to the Presbytery of Genesee;
August 5, Rev. George M. Janes, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiate transferred:

June 18, 1889, Charles H. Manwarren, to the care of the Presbytery of Montana.

Death:

February 3, 1889, in the town of Binghamton, Rev. Hiram W. Gilbert, aged 79,

September 17, 1889, the Rev. Isaac G. Ogden resigned the office of Stated Clerk, and the Rev. John McVey was elected his successor.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of fifty-two ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

Jannuary, 1889, Rev. Kenneth Mackay, from the Presbytery of St. John, N. B.;
April 16, Rev. E. Wilmot Cumings, from the Presbytery of Genesee;
April 17, the Rev. James Mitchell, from the Presbytery of East Florida; the Rev. Milton Waldo, D. D., from the Presbytery of South Florida; the Rev. Bevard D. Sinclair, from the Presbytery of Rochester; and the Rev. William Adams, D. D., from the Presbytery of Augusta, South;
October 1, the Rev. James McFaddin, from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 17, 1889, Donald Macdonald.

Licentiate received:

January 10, 1889, Luther M. Keneston, from the Derry Association of Congregational Ministers.

Ordination:

January 10, 1889, Luther M. Keneston.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

October 2, 1889, between the Rev. Frederick C. Saure and the German Church at Lawrence; and between Rev. Joseph H. Ralston and the church at Worcester.

Installations:

December 5, 1888, Rev. Charles K. Canfield, as pastor of the church at South Ryegate;

December 10, the Rev. Robert Gordon Mackay, as pastor of the church at Newport;

January 10, 1889, Rev. Luther M. Keneston, as pastor of the church at New Boston;

January —, the Rev. Kenneth Mackay, as pastor of the church at Houlton;

May 8, the Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D., as pastor of the First Church of Boston;

June 5, the Rev. James Mitchell, as pastor of the church at New Bedford;

October 7, the Rev. John Brown, as pastor of the church at Fall River.

Ministers dismissed:

December 18, 1888, the Rev. Rockwood MacQuesten, to the Presbytery of Nassau;

September 3, 1889, Rev. Joseph W. Sanderson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Candidates transferred:

August 28, 1889, Hermann Wiemer, to the Reformed Classis of Philadelphia; September 11, Donald Macdonald, to the Presbytery of Red River.

Death:

December 16, 1888, at Hudson Center, N. H., Rev. Silas M. Blanchard, aged 68 years and 9 months.

Church organized:

April 1, 1889, Barre, Vt.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of fifty-five ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care three licentiates and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

April 15, 1889, Rev. Henry Frech, from the Classis of Cayuga;

May 2, Rev. David Junor, from the Classis of New York;

October 7, Rev. A. McElroy Wylie, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North; and Rev. George McArthur, from the Edinburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, subject to the approval of the Synod.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 15, 1889, Charles Jaeger, Matthew M. Müller and Charles Vuillenmier; October 7, Edward W. Thwing.

Licentiate received:

January 15, 1889, Henry G. Golden, from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordination:

February 7, 1889, Henry G. Golden.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 15, 1889, between Rev. I. Van Wart Schenck and Mt. Olivet Church;
April 15, between Rev. John S. Wildridge and Faith Memorial Church;
May 2, between Rev. Lyman D. Calkins and Trinity Church;
October 7, between Rev. Philipp Vollmer and Friedens Kirche; and between Rev. George M. McCampbell and the First Edgewater Church.

Installations:

January 15, 1889. Rev. I. Van Wart Schenck, over Grace Church;
May 2, Rev. David Junor, over Mt. Olivet Church;
May 9, Rev. Henry Frech, over the German Evangelical Church;
May 14, Rev. William A. Holliday, D. D., over the Prospect Heights Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 6, 1889, Rev. James S. Ostrander, to the Manhattan Congregational Association;
October 7, Rev. Philipp Vollmer, to the German Reformed Philadelphia Classis.

Deceased:

March 31, 1889, at Bridgeport, Conn., Rev. Alfred Taylor, aged 58 years.

Churches organized:

January 15, 1889, Grace Church, Brooklyn; February 14, German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn.

Change in the name of a church:

October 7, 1889, Faith Memorial Church to the First Presbyterian Church of New Brighton.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-five ministers, and forty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates.

Ministers received:

November 15, 1888, Rev. Theodore S. Day, from the Presbytery of Gunnison;
April 8, 1889, Rev. David L. McCrae, from the Presbytery of Peterborough, Ont.; Rev. George Sexton, from the Congregational Church of Great Britain, subject to the approval of the Assembly; and Rev. Joseph E. Tinker, from the Association of Western New York;
October 8, Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, from the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Newton L. Reed, from the Presbytery of Hudson; and Rev. Edwin Allen, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Ordination:

October 25, 1888, Alfred C. Hand.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

November 2, 1888, between Rev. Charles F. Porter and the Church in Alden;
December 10, between the Rev. John Burrows, D. D., and the Church in Olean;
April 8, 1889, between the Rev. Alfred C. Hand and the Church of the Covenant, Buffalo;
May 7, between Rev. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam and the Church in Jamestown;
September 10, between the Rev. Samuel R. Warrender and the Church in South Wales.

Installations:

October 23, 1888, Rev. William C. McGarvey, as pastor of Breckenridge Street Church, Buffalo;
October 25, Rev. Alfred C. Hand, as pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Buffalo;
November 15, Rev. Thomas E. Calvert, as pastor of the Church in Fredonia.

Ministers dismissed:

November 2, 1888, Rev. Charles F. Porter to the Classis of Rochester;
December 10, 1889, Rev. Theodore S. Day, to the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. John Burrows, D. D., to the Presbytery of Hudson;
October 8, Rev. Francis R. Wade, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deaths:

April 18, 1889, Rev. Samuel N. Robinson, at Conewango, New York, in the 72d year of his age;
August 9, Rev. Henry Silverheels, at Irving, N. Y., in the 86th year of his age.

Change of name:

April 8, 1889, the name of Breckenridge Street Church was changed to West Avenue Church.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of thirty ministers, and twenty-three churches, and has under its care thirteen licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

April 8, 1889, Rev. John Jones, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
June 11, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

November 20, 1888, Messrs. Courtenay H. Fenn, Alexander H. Fraser, Friend D. Haner, Louis J. Lawrence, Charles F. Richardson, John G. Samuelian, William H. Squires, John W. Stitt, William G. White;
June 11, 1889, Mr. Charles E. Orsler;
September 17, Mr. Nathaniel McGiffin.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

April 10, 1889, Courtenay H. Fenn, Alexander H. Fraser, Henry F. Gilt, Friend D. Haner, Thomas E. Sherman, William H. Squires, John W. Stitt, George W. Warren, William G. White;

May 6, Samuel C. Garlick, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Ordinations:

April 15, 1889, Muhanna E. Barakat, as an Evangelist;

May 6, David S. Brown, as an Evangelist;

July 9, Samuel C. Garlick, as an Evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 26, 1889, between Rev. George V. Reichel and the Church of Dryden;

July 9, between Rev. William I. Sweet and the Church of Fair Haven;

September 17, between Rev. John T. Wills, D. D., and the Church of Aurora.

Ministers dismissed:

April 8, 1889, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

April 16, Rev. George V. Reichel, to the Presbytery of Erie;

April 15, Rev. Muhanna E. Barakat, to the Presbytery of Des Moines;

September 17, Rev. William I. Sweet, to the Piscataqua Congregational Association of New Hampshire, and Rev. John T. Wills, D. D., to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Licentiates transferred:

April 8, 1889, James Eells, to the care of the Presbytery of Albany, and Barton W. Perry, to the care of the Presbytery of Utica;

April 15, Sahag H. Beshgeotoor, to the care of the Presbytery of Niagara;

May 6, Arthur E. Brigden, to the care of the Presbytery of Genesee;

June 11, Edwin H. Burgess, to the care of the Presbytery of Steuben;

September 17, Friend D. Haner, to the care of the Presbytery of Chemung; and Daniel I. Morrison, to the care of the Presbytery of Columbia.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of eighteen ministers and eighteen churches.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1889, Rev. George F. Chipperfield, from the Presbytery of Lansing;

September 17, Rev. Joseph Dixon, from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

License conferred:

April 17, 1889, Arthur Torrens.

Installation:

April 18, 1889, Rev. Geo. F. Chipperfield, over the Church in Malone.

Ministers dismissed:

November 14, 1888, Rev. Wm. Long Moore, to the Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland;
April 17, 1889, Rev. S. Gilbert Boardman, to the Presbytery of West Virginia;
August 15, Rev. Isaac S. Simpson, to the Presbytery of Alton.

Licentiate transferred:

April 17, 1889, Arthur Torrens, to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Deceased:

August 28, 1889, Rev. Cyrenus Ransom, aged 87, at Port Henry, N. Y.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty ministers, and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1889, Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
June 12, Rev. E. Woodward Brown, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

License conferred:

April 17, 1889, Mr. George A. White.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

March 12, 1889, between Rev. Clarke P. Gillette and the Franklin Street Church, Elmira.

Ministers dismissed:

March 12, 1889, Rev. Arthur W. Spooner, to the Presbytery of Huntingdon;
April 16, Rev. Solomon W. Weiss, to the Susquehanna Congregational Association;
September 17, Rev. Arthur Davies, to the Presbytery of Northumberland; Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, to the Presbytery of Buffalo; and Rev. John C. Calnon, to the North Texas Congregational Association.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of eleven ministers and five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1889.]

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of fifteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

February 16, 1889, Rev. John Minor, from Presbytery of North River;
July 2, Rev. Rufus King, from the Congregational Association of Orleans;
September 17, Rev. Hiram A. Kellogg, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licentiate received:

September 17, 1889, Daniel I. Morrison, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

September 18, 1889, Daniel I. Morrison.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

February 16, 1889, between the Rev. J. Perry Beaver and the Church of Canaan Centre.

Installation:

July 2, 1889, Rev. Rufus King, over the Church of Cairo.

Ministers dismissed:

February 16, 1889, Rev. J. Perry Beaver, to Classis of Rensselaer;
April 11, Rev. Charles E. Herbert, to Presbytery of Albany;
April 24, Rev. Benjamin Parsons, to Presbytery of Puget Sound.

Deaths:

January 11, 1889, at Great Barrington, Mass., Rev. Henry J. Van Lennep, D. D., aged 74;
February 22, at Hunter, Rev. Robert H. Wilkinson, aged 46.

XI. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 8, 1889, Rev. John McK. Brayton, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, from the Presbytery of Binghamton;
June 14, Rev. James A. Anderson, from the U. P. Presbytery of Caledonia;
September 24, Rev. Joseph H. Hunsberger, from the Classis of Wyoming of the Reformed Church.

Candidate received:

September 24, 1889, E. B. McGhee, from the Presbytery of Toronto.

Licensed, and Licentiate received:

April 9, 1889, Seth Cook and Allen McQueen were licensed;
June 14, Arthur E. Brigden was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordained:

July 29, 1889, Arthur E. Brigden.

Installations:

April 9, 1889, Rev. John R. Lewis, over the Bergen Church;
June 14, Rev. James A. Anderson, over the Church at Le Roy;
July 29, Rev. Arthur E. Brigden, over the Attica Church;
October 8, Rev. Joseph H. Hunsberger, over the Le Roy and Bergen Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 8, 1889, Rev. John Reid, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. E. Wilmot Cumings, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Licentiate transferred:

April 8, 1889, George S. Swezey, to the Presbytery of Emporia.

Deceased:

January 30, 1889, at Byron Centre, Rev. John Frederic McLaury, aged 44 years.

XII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

January 15, 1889, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Lee H. Richardson, from the Presbytery of Memphis;
February 12, Rev. John C. Lenhart, from the Presbytery of New Castle;
April 17, Rev. William H. Webb, D. D., from the Presbytery of Dayton.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 17, 1889, Fenwick B. Fraser and William V. Stork; also Edward C. Wiley, by transfer from the Presbytery of Troy.

Licensed:

April 17, 1889, Edward C. Wiley and H. Bradley Sayre.

Licentiate received:

September 25, 1889, James S. Moore, from the Presbytery of Bloomington.

Ordinations:

April 17, 1889, Louis F. Giroux, as an Evangelist;
May 14, Edward C. Wiley;
October 1, James S. Moore.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 17, 1889, between Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg and the Church of Seneca Castle;
May 14, between Rev. Paul Van Dyke and the North Church of Geneva;
July 3, between Rev. Halsey B. Stevenson and the First Church of Geneva;
October 1, between Rev. Edward C. Wiley and the Church of Orleans.

Installations:

January 15, 1889, Rev. Lee H. Richardson, over the Church of Trumansburgh;
February 12, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, over the Church of Seneca Falls;
April 30, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, over the Church of Dresden;
May 14, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, over the Church of Orleans, and Rev. John C. Lenhart, over the Church of Manchester;
October 1, Rev. James S. Moore, over the Church of Seneca Castle.

Ministers dismissed:

November 24, 1888, Rev. Wilber O. Carrier, to the Presbytery of Winnebago;
March 1, 1889, Rev. Reuben H. Van Pelt, to the Presbytery of Topeka;
May 14, Rev. Louis F. Giroux, to the Hampden East Congregational Association of Massachusetts;

September 4, Rev. Halsey B. Stevenson, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
September 11, Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, to the Presbytery of Columbia.

Dropped from the roll:

September 25, 1889, Candidate Konstantine Ivanoff.

Deceased:

June 3, 1889, at Chicago, Ill., Rev. James Cruickshanks, in the 61st year of his age.

Church organized:

January 29, 1889, First Church of Orleans;

April 17, 1889, Rev. Asher B. Temple was appointed Treasurer in place of Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, resigned.

XIII. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of forty-three ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two canditates.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1889, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. John Burrows, D. D., from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. James A. McGowan, from the Presbytery of West Jersey;
September 17, Rev. Walter Fry, from the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Yates Hickey, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North; and Rev. Henry Hausman, from the Presbytery of Oregon.

Candidates received:

April 16, 1889, Thomas McB. Nichols, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 17, Otto R. W. Klose, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Central.

Licentiate received and license conferred:

April 16, 1889, Robert H. Taylor was received from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and Thomas McB. Nichols was licensed;
September 17, Otto R. W. Klose was licensed.

Ordinations:

April 16, 1889, Robert H. Taylor and Thomas McB. Nichols.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

December 10, 1888, between Rev. Robert A. Blackford and the Church of White Lake;
April 16, 1889, between Rev. Norman N. Skinner and the Ramapo Church, and between Rev. Frederick J. Stanley and the Greenbush Church;
September 17, between Rev. Newton L. Reed and the Palisades Church; between Rev. James A. McWilliams and the Port Jervis Church, and between Rev. John Turner and Hopewell Church.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

April 18, 1888, John S. Niles, of the Church of Hornellsville; September 12, George F. Wood, of the Church of Elkland, Pa.

Licensed:

April 18, 1888, John S. Niles; September 12, George F. Wood.

Ordination:

April 18, 1888, Smith Ordway.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1888, Rev. Lawrence M. Stevens, to the Presbytery of Otsego; and Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of twenty-nine ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care nine candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1888, Rev. David McK. Rankin, D. D., from the Presbytery of Otsego;
June 19, Rev. Charles Jones, from the Middlesex South Association, Mass.;
August 8, Rev. Smith Ordway, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 18, Rev. Judson Swift, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 2, 1888, S. S. Phelps.

Licentiate received:

October 2, 1888, Charles J. Howell, from North River Presbytery.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

February 6, 1888, between Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., and Grace Church, Oswego;
May 22, between Rev. S. Edwin Koons and the Church at Hannibal;
August 8, between Rev. Eben B. Parsons, D.D., and the Church at Baldwinsville.

Ordination:

October 2, 1888, Charles J. Howell, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

November 16, 1887, Rev. Angus H. Cameron, over the Church at Marcellus;
October 2, 1888, Rev. Judson Swift, over Grace Church, Oswego;
October 11, Rev. Albert J. Abeel, over the Memorial Church, Syracuse.

Churches received:

April 10, 1888, the Congregational Church of Onondaga;
June 19, the Reformed (Dutch) Church of Chittenango.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of fifty-two ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

November 1, 1887, Rev. Albert S. Mays, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
November 17, Rev. Hector Hall, from the Presbytery of Glasgow; and Rev. James L. Harrington, from the Presbytery of Albany;
April 17, 1888, Rev. John Anderson, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding;
September 17, Charles H. Reinsberg.

Licensed:

February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

September 20, 1887, between Rev. Philander Barbour, and the Church of Malta, to take effect March 1, 1888;
April 17, 1888, between Rev. David M. Hunter, and the Church of Salem;
September 17, between Rev. Mark A. Denman, and the Church of Melrose.

Ordinations:

November 1, 1887, Josiah Still;
February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding.

Installations:

November 17, 1887, Rev. Hector Hall, over the Second Church of Troy;
December 1, Rev. James L. Harrington, over the Church of Brunswick;
December 7, Rev. Albert S. Mays, over the Liberty Street Church of Troy;
February 28, 1888, Rev. Melvin E. Hedding, over the Church of Mechanicville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 27, 1888, Rev. John H. Pollock, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 17, Rev. Titus E. Davis, to the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Charles P. Evans, to the (Reformed) Classis of Cayuga; Rev. David M. Hunter, to the Presbytery of Omaha;
September 17, Rev. Mark A. Denman, to the (Reformed) Classis of Saratoga;
October 4, Rev. James F. Knowles, to the Presbytery of White Water.

Deaths:

March 19, 1888, Rev. Hugh Brown, at Shushan, N. Y., in the 78th year of his age;
May 6, Rev. Laurens P. Hickok, D.D., LL.D., at Amherst, Mass., in the 90th year of his age;
May 25, Rev. Rufus C. Clapp, at Chestertown, N. Y., in the 80th year of his age.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of fifty-three ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and fourteen candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1888, Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D. D., and Rev. William J. Jones, from the Presbytery of New Albany;
June 19, Rev. Anson J. Upson, D.D., L.L. D., from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. Charles S. Richardson, from the Presbytery of Champlain;
September 25, Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

October 19, 1887, Charles H. Walker, Leslie R. Groves, Albert B. Judson;
April 10, 1888, Arthur C. McMillan;
September 25, J. Edward Everett, Pano E. Stoeleff, Charles B. Auger and W. Frank Beverly.

Ordinations:

November 15, 1888, John P. H. Schweitzer;
May 9, 1889, Samuel G. Griess;
May 15, Charles Rutherford;
June 6, Duncan M. Buchanan.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 31, 1888, between Rev. Charles E. Dunn and Christ Church, Hempstead; Rev. Lewis Lampman and the Jamaica Church; Rev. Elliott C. Armstrong and the Churches of Green Lawn and Commac;

October 8, 1889, between Rev. George H. Cleveland and the Northport Church, and Rev. Henry A. Porter and the Church of Smithtown.

Installations:

November 15, 1888, Rev. John P. H. Schweitzer, as pastor of St. Paul's Church;
January 16, 1889, Rev. Charles G. Matteson, as pastor of the Roslyn Church;
January 17. Rev. Rockwood MacQuesten, as pastor of the Glen Cove Church;
April 17, Rev. John D. Long, as pastor of the Church at Babylon;
May 9, Rev. Samuel G. Griess, as pastor of the Churches of Green Lawn and Commac;
May 15, Rev. Charles Rutherford, as pastor of the Springfield Church;
June 6, Rev. Duncan M. Buchanan, as pastor of the Church of Christian Hook.

Ministers dimissed:

October 31, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Dunn, to the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Lewis Lampman, to the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. Elliott C. Armstong, to the Presbytery of Northumberland;

April 9, 1889, Rev. Joseph C. Cromack, to the Presbytery of Newton, and Rev. Albert K. Harsha, to the Presbytery of St. Paul;

October 8, Rev. Henry A. Porter, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licentiate transferred:

June 6, 1889, Robert E. Carter, to the care of the Presbytery of Westminster.

Church organized:

April 23, 1889, Glenwood.

XVII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and sixty ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and twenty-four candidates.

Ministers received:

December 10, 1888, Rev. Horace G. Miller, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

December 17, Rev. James Hall McIlvaine, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

March 11, 1889, Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, from the Presbytery of Cleveland;

May 13, Rev. Henry Kendall, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Curtis E. Long, from the Classis of Raritan;

June 10, Rev. Charles H. Tyndall, from the Presbytery of Hastings.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

November 12, 1888, Herbert Ford and Samuel G. Griess;
December 10, Frederick Reuss;
February 10, 1889, Daniel E. Lorenz;
March 11, William T. McElween;
May 13, Charles Edwards, James Hunter, William P. Merrill, Gaylord S. White, George K. Newell; and from the Presbytery of Platte, F. D. McRae;
October 7, Frederick G. Beebe, T. Calvin McClelland, and Louis R. Simpson.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

May 13, 1889, James S. Young, Thomas C. Miller, Charles H. McDonald, and Daniel E. Lorenz.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 10, 1888, between Rev. Andrew Beattie, and the Church of the Sea and Land;
January 14, 1889, between Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, and the First Union Church;
October 7, between Rev. Lawrence P. Cummings and the First Morrisania Church.

Ordination:

May 13, Charles H. McDonald, Thomas C. Miller, and Daniel E. Lorenz, as Evangelists.

Installations:

December 17, 1888, Rev. James Hall McIlvaine, over the Church of the Covenant;
March 19, 1889, Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, over the Central Church;
June 23, Rev. Horace G. Miller, over the Dodge Memorial Church;
May 27, Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, over the Chalmers Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 8, 1889, Rev. David Stevenson, to the Presbytery of West Jersey; and Rev. John Dooly, to the Presbytery of Albany;
May 13, Rev. William M. Langdon, to the Presbytery of Peking; and Rev. Wm. D. Grant, to the South Classis of Bergen;
October 7, Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Edwin E. Rogers, to the Presbytery of Zanesville.

Licentiates dismissed:

January 22, Henry G. Golden, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 20, Leonidas H. Davis, to the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

Churches formed and received:

April 8, the West 23d Street and the Westminster Churches were consolidated, with the name, Westminster of West 23d Street Church;
April 8, the Chalmers Church organized;
June 10, the Dodge Memorial Church organized.

Deaths:

December 6, 1888, in New York, Rev. Revilo J. Cone, aged 72;
March 30, 1889, in New York, Rev. John Spaulding, D. D., aged 89;
June 6, at Atlantic City, N. J., Rev. John Irwin, aged 40.

XVIII. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty-one ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 22, 1889, Rev. John H. Pollock, from the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. George T. Galbraith, from the Presbytery of Hudson;
September 24, Rev. Edward Snyder, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

June 4, 1889, Harry Barstow.

License conferred:

April 23, 1889, William C. Matthews.

Licentiate received:

April 22, 1889, Sahag H. Beshgeotoor, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

June 4, 1889, Mr. Sahag H. Beshgeotoor.

Installations:

May 15, 1889, Rev. William A. Beecher, as pastor of the Church at Middleport;
June 4, Rev. Sahag H. Beshgeotoor, as pastor of the Church at Barre Center.

Ministers dismissed:

April 22, 1889, Rev. Edwin Allen, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
June 4, Rev. Josiah G. Shaeffer, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

XIX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of six ministers and five churches.

XX. The Presbytery of North River consists of forty-two ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:

October 8, 1889, Rev. Louis H. Bahler, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiate received:

May 14, 1889, W. Emory Henkell, from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Ordination:

May 14, 1889, W. Emory Henkell, *sine titulo*.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

July 1, 1889, between Rev. Irving Magee, D. D., and the Church of Rondout;
September 9, between Rev. Andrew W. McGibbon and the Church of Wappingers Falls;
October 8, between Rev. William E. Bogardus and the Church of Pleasant Plains.

Installations:

October 10, 1888, Rev. John F. Williamson, over the Church in Kingston;
November 20, Rev. Benjamin S. Crosby, over the Church in Malden.

Ministers dimissed:

October 10, 1888, Rev. John Minor, to the Presbytery of Columbia;
October 8, 1889, Rev. William E. Bogardus, to the Classis of Passaic.

Deaths:

April, 1889, at Rye, N. Y., Rev. William Whittaker, aged 79;
May 6, at Malden, Rev. Benjamin S. Crosby, aged 56.

XXI. The Presbytery of Oroomiah consists of nine ministers, and reports a supplementary roll of two missionaries and thirty-five native pastors, with twenty-five churches, constituting the Presbytery of the Evangelical Nestorian Church. [Minutes of the Assembly, 1889.]

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care four candidates.

License conferred:

November 20, 1888, Edward McMaster.

Candidate taken under care of the Presbytery:

September 11, 1889, Henry Kendall Sanborne.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

April 24, 1889, between Rev. Walter Fry and the Church of Colchester;
September 11, between Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf and the Church of Hobart.

Installation:

November 20, 1888, Rev. John H. Brandow, over the Church of Oneonta.

Ministers dismissed:

November 20, 1888, Rev. Horace H. Allen, to the Presbytery of Utica;
April 24, 1889, Rev. Walter Fry, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
September 11, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiate dismissed:

April 24, 1889, Edward McMaster, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.
November 20, 1888, Rev. Frank H. Coffran was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer in place of Rev. Horace H. Allen, removed to another Presbytery.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of sixty-one ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and thirteen candidates.

Ministers received:

March 14, 1889, Rev. Glenroie McQueen, from the Presbytery of Newton;
April 10, Rev. John Reid, from the Presbytery of Genesee; and Rev. Allen Traver, from the Presbytery of Lyons;
September 16, Rev. Daniel M. Countermine, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

September 17, 1889. Van Beshgetoor; and by transfer from the Presbytery of Toronto, William P. Mackenzie.

Licenses conferred and licentiates received:

April 10, 1889, Robert B. Stevens was licensed, and Louis F. Ruf was received from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Ordination:

June 4, 1889, Louis F. Ruf.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 9, 1889, between Rev. Bevard D. Sinclair and the Church of Fowlerville.

Installation:

June 4, 1889, Rev. Louis F. Ruf, as pastor of the Church of Pittsford.

Ministers dismissed:

April 9, 1889, Rev. Bevard D. Sinclair, to the Presbytery of Boston;
August 26, 1889, Rev. Clarence W. Backus, to the Presbytery of Topeka.

Deaths:

October 2, 1888, Rev. Luther Conklin, at Irondequoit, N. Y., aged 71;
July 17, 1889, Rev. Allen Traver, at Rochester, N. Y., aged 62.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of twenty-nine ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 2, 1889, Charles O. Gray and Alexander Wouters.

Licentiate received:

October 2, 1889, Mr. John J. Jones, from the Welsh Presbytery of New York City.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 18, 1889, between Rev. George R. Walker, and the church in Oxbow
May 31, between Rev. George Harkness, and the church in Potsdam;
June 13, 1889, between Rev. Frederick W. Johnson, and the church in Chaumont.

Ministers dismissed:

April 16, 1889, Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews, to the Presbytery of Saginaw;
May 31, Rev. George Harkness, to the Presbytery of Freeport;
October 2, Rev. William Best, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and Rev. Albro L. Green, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of six ministers and seven churches, and has under its care five licentiates and two candidates. [Minutes of the Assembly, 1889.]

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1889, Rev. Martin E. Grant, from the Presbytery of Utica; and Rev. Duncan Cameron, from the Presbytery of Chile;
September 11, Rev. Daniel W. Marvin, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Evan R. Evans, from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids; and Rev. George M. Janes, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1889, Frank M. Hosie;
September 11, Daniel Redmond.

Licentiate received:

July 9, 1889, Edwin H. Burgess, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations:

September 11, 1889, John S. Niles and George F. Wood, as Evangelists.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

July 9, 1889, between Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury and the Church of Pulteney;
April 21, between Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., and the Church of Hornellsville; between Rev. Benjamin G. Van Cleve and the Church of Andover, and between Rev. Lester S. Boyce and the Church of Almond.

Ministers dismissed:

March 20, 1889, Rev. William C. Brass, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
March 22, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
April 21, Rev. Lester S. Boyce, to the Presbytery of Hastings; Rev. Benjamin G. Van Cleve, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Rev. Miner Swick to the Classis of Rensselaer;
September 11, Rev. Martin E. Grant, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Name dropped from the roll:

September 11, 1889, Frank M. Hosie having gone to the Methodist Episcopal Church, his name was stricken from the roll of candidates.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of twenty-nine ministers and forty churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

December 24, 1888, Rev. Theodore S. Day, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 9, 1889, Rev. William C. Brass, from the Presbytery of Steuben; and Rev. L. Mason Clarke, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:

June 14, 1889, Mr. George Nichols.

Licensed:

June 14, 1889, Mr. George Nichols.

Licentiate received:

April 9, 1889, Mr. Edward E. McMaster, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Ordinations:

June 13, 1889, Mr. Charles H. Walker;
July 1, Mr. Edward E. McMaster, as an Evangelist;
October 8, Mr. George Nichols.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 24, 1888, between Rev. Edward G. Thurber, D.D., and Park Church Syracuse;
February 25, 1889, between Rev. Vernon N. Yergin and the church at Jordan.

Installations:

May 16, 1889, Rev. L. Mason Clarke, over Park Church, Syracuse;
June 13, Rev. Charles H. Walker, over the church at Chittenango.
October 8, Rev, George Nichols, over the church at Wampsville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 25, 1889, Rev. John C. Hill, to the Presbytery of Freeport; Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, to the Congregational Association of North Dakota;
April 9, Rev. George E. Macardel, to the Hudson River Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidate transferred:

November 1, 1888, Mr. S. Seymour Phelps, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Deceased:

September 3, 1889, Rev. Charles Jones, at North Abington, Mass., aged 79;
September 8, Rev. Ova H. Seymour, at Onondaga Valley, aged 62.

Church organized:

December 3, 1888, at Hastings.

The name of the Rev. Norman Seaver, D.D., has been restored to the roll, his letter of dismission not having been used.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of forty-nine ministers, and forty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received:

June 6, 1889, Rev. William M. Gay, from the Essex North Congregational Association;
September 17, Rev. Alexander Hill, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Candidate taken under care of the Presbytery:

April 16, 1889, Joseph McIntyre.

Licenses conferred:

April 16, 1889, George L. McClelland;
September 17, Obadiah C. Auringer.

Ordination:

April 16, 1889, George L. McClelland.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

June 6, 1889, between Rev. Jeremiah M. Chrysler and the First Church of Stillwater;
July 15, between Rev. George W. Shields and the Church at Whitehall.

Ministers dismissed:

December 3, 1888, Rev. Samuel R. Biggar, to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 15, 1889, Rev. John D. Warren, to the Presbytery of Utica;
June 6, Rev. Jeremiah M. Chrysler, to the Hampden Congregational Conference.

Licentiate transferred:

April 15, 1889, Edward C. Wiley to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Deaths:

At Lansingburg, N. Y., January 7, 1889, Rev. Andrew M. Beveridge, D. D., in the 69th year of his age;
At Ballston, N. Y., September 12, Rev. Philander Barbour, in the 83rd year of his age.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three licentiates and twenty-one candidates.

Ministers received:

April 9, 1889, Rev. Charles H. Thorne, from the Presbytery of South Florida; Rev. Horace H. Allen, from the Presbytery of Otsego; and Rev. Christopher S. Vincent was re-enrolled;

October 1, Rev. Martin E. Grant, from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. John D. Warren, from the Presbytery of Troy; and Rev. Cornelius C. Cook, from the Bennington Congregational Association of Vermont.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 9, 1889, Ralph W. Vincent, Edward L. Jones, and Carl H. Dudley;
October 1, Charles M. Dodge, Starr S. Cadwallader, and John C. Ball;
October 8, Frederick H. Davis, Fenton C. Jones, Edwin B. Robbins, George U. Popoff.

Licensed:

April 9, 1889, Albert B. Judson.

Licentiate received:

April 29, 1889, Barton W. Perry, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations:

April 28, 1889, Arthur C. McMillan;
May 28, Barton W. Perry.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 29, 1889, between Rev. C. Otis Thatcher and the church at Knoxboro.

Installations:

October 24, 1888, Rev. William C. Taylor, over the church at Ilion;
May 28, 1889, Rev. Barton W. Perry, over the churches at Norwich Corners and Litchfield.

Ministers dismissed:

October 24, 1888, Rev. Moses E. Dunham, D.D., to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association;
April 9, 1889, Rev. Leicester J. Sawyer, to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. John M. Brayton to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Licentiates transferred:

April 8, 1889, Charles H. Walker, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 9, Leslie R. Groves, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Death:

September 18, 1889, Rev. Benjamin W. Dwight, Ph.D., LL.D., at Clinton, N. Y., in the 74th year of his age.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of sixty-one ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care seven licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received:

January 15, 1889, Rev. Addison K. Strong, D. D., from the Presbytery of Milwaukee;
January 15, Rev. John H. Trussell, from the Presbytery of Albany;
February 13, Rev. William Y. Brown, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
October 2, Rev. John T. Wills, D. D., from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
October 2, Rev. James T. McWilliams, from the Presbytery of Hudson; and Rev. Theodore Strong Pond.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

January 15, 1889, Arthur Davies and Charles Lyman Carhart;

April 17, John F. Lynn, from the Presbytery of New York; and Samuel Colgate Hodge;

June 18, Charles Dillon;

October 2, Nicholas Schmeckenbecher, John G. Lovell and Stanley K. Phraner,

Licenses conferred:

April 17, 1889, on Charles Lyman Carhart and John F. Lynn.

Ordinations:

April 18, 1888, William Gardner;

May 15, 1889, John F. Lynn.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 1, 1889, between Rev. Edward C. Moore and the Westminster Church, Yonkers;

February 3, between Rev. John S. Allen and the Throggs Neck Church;

June 18, between Rev. Franklin B. Dwight and the Church of Sing Sing;

July 18, between Rev. J. Howard Hobbs and the First Church of Greenwich, Conn.;

October 2, between Rev. Daniel N. Freeland and the Huguenot Memorial Church of Pelham Manor;

October 2, between Rev. James G. Rodger and the First Church of New Haven, Conn.

Installations:

May 15, 1889, Rev. John F. Lynn over the Pleasantville Church;

May 15, Rev. John S. Allen over the Church of Patterson, N. Y.;

May 29, Rev. John S. Penman over the Church of Irvington, N. Y.;

October 8, Rev. John T. Wills, D. D., over the First Church of Greenwich, Conn.

Ministers dismissed:

October 22, 1888, Rev. Washington Choate to the Fairfield West Association of Connecticut;

November 23, Rev. Isaac L. Kip to the Classis of Schenectady of the Reformed Church;

January 1, 1889, Rev. Edward C. Moore to the Rhode Island Association of Orthodox Congregational Ministers.

Deaths:

February 6, 1889, at Pound Ridge, N. Y., Rev. William Patterson, aged 80 years;

September 26, at Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. William Ward Whipple, aged 76 years.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,084	Licentiates	58
Churches	832	Candidates	162

III. PLAN OF SUSTENTATION.

Adopted October 21, A. D. 1886.

I. That the work undertaken by the Synod may in no sense interfere with the general work of the Board of Home Missions, every church in the Synod is enjoined to make, annually, as heretofore, a contribution to the funds of said Board.

II. The moneys raised for the purposes hereinafter specified shall be called The New York Synodical Aid Fund, and shall take the place of the former contributions to the *Sustentation Department* of the Board of Home Missions.

III. The management of this fund shall be entrusted to the Board of Home Missions, which Board shall be requested to report to the Synod at each of its annual sessions the work of the past year, and at the same time submit, for the consideration and approval of the Synod, plans and estimates for the year to come.

IV. Until otherwise ordered by the Synod, and with the concurrence of the Board of Home Missions, the contributions to the New York Synodical Aid Fund shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of that Board, and he shall be the Treasurer of the Fund.

V. Every church desiring assistance from the New York Synodical Aid Fund shall apply to the Presbytery to which it belongs, giving a full statement of its circumstances and condition, and the amount needed to insure the support of its minister. In case the Presbytery decides that the aid asked for is necessary, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery shall recommend the church and its minister to the Board of Home Missions, coupling with the recommendation a statement of the amount of the appropriation required.

VI. The Chairman of the Home Mission Committee in each Presbytery shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, send to the Board of Home Missions an estimate of the appropriations needed by the weak churches in his Presbytery for the coming year, in order that the Board, upon a review of the same, may inform the Synod, at its session in October, what is the total amount necessary to be raised.

VII. The ministers of the aid-receiving churches shall forward to the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions at the close of every quarter, from the date of their appointment, a full report of their ministerial labors as the basis of information to be communicated to the Synod. Upon the reception of such quarterly report, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions shall, as soon as the funds will admit, forward to said ministers the amount due them for the past quarter, on account of the appropriation previously determined by the Board.

VIII. In accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly (Minutes of 1883, page 644), it is recommended that the salaries of those in charge of aided churches shall be so proportioned as to give in each case an adequate support. Under this plan, until otherwise ordered by the Synod, the minimum salary of those doing

full work shall be $700. The parsonage, if any, shall be reckoned, at the annual rental value, as a part of the salary. Special arrangements may be made with those doing partial work.

IX. It is recommended that all ministers serving churches which receive aid from this fund shall be installed as pastors as soon as practicable. It is expected also that churches receiving aid will contribute annually, as is the duty of all our churches, not only to this fund, but to all the Boards and Funds of the Church.

X. Churches which are aided from the New York Synodical Aid Fund shall be served only by ministers approved by the Presbytery with which the churches are connected.

XI. In order to the effective prosecution of this plan, and also to an increased and thorough evangelization of our field, by the reviving of old churches and the organization of new ones, it is recommended that this Synod, with the exception of that part of it included in the territory covered by the Presbytery of Boston, be divided into two districts, and that for each of these districts there be appointed a Synodical Superintendent of weak and vacant churches and mission fields.

XII. The first of these districts shall consist of the Presbyteries of Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Champlain, Columbia, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, New York, North River, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Troy, Utica, and Westchester.

The second district shall consist of the Presbyteries of Buffalo, Cayuga, Chemung, Genesee, Geneva, Lyons, Niagara, Rochester, Steuben and Syracuse.

XIII. The Synodical Superintendents for these districts shall be appointed by the Synod at a salary not to exceed $1,500 per year, and expenses while on the field; the same to be paid quarterly out of the Synodical Aid Fund. They shall act in each Presbytery on the invitation, and under the direction, of the Committee of that Presbytery having charge of its weak and vacant churches, and shall devote their time and efforts to the encouragement of weak churches, the procuring of pastors or supplies for vacant churches, the organization of new churches, and the general fostering and development of Presbyterianism throughout their respective districts. They shall report the results of their labors to the Synod at each of its annual sessions.

XIV. The Synod, at each annual session, shall apportion the amount which it approves for the next year, among the several Presbyteries of the Synod included in this plan, according to the number of communicants. Each Presbytery is recommended to apportion the amount assigned as its quota, among the churches within its bounds, according to the financial ability of the churches.

IV. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. Financial Statement of the Board of Trustees, July 1, 1889.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated Value of College Grounds and Buildings, Observatory Buildings, Instruments and Grounds, President's House and Grounds, and other Real Estate	$170,000.00
Library	5,000.00
Art Department, Paintings, Studies and Casts	5,000.00
Musical Instruments	8,000.00
Furniture	10,000.00
Educational Collections	5,000.00
Total	$203,000.00
Amount Invested in Corporate Bonds, and in Bonds and Mortgages upon Real Estate	102,900.00
Total	$305,900.00
Less Bonded Debt	34,500.00
Balance	$271,400.00

II. LIABILITIES.

Floating Debt	$26,896.99	
Resources to apply on same	4,029.07	
Balance	$22,867.92	

III. REVENUE.

From Board and Tuition	$28,276.11
From Term Bills due	1,400.00
From Interest received from Investments	5,357.02
From Interest due	1,410.74
Total	$36,443.87

IV. EXPENDITURES.

Current Expenses paid	$30,777.03	
Unpaid Bills	3,332.00	
Estimated Current Expenses for June	415.33	
Teachers' and Employees' Pay-Roll for May and June	3,456.66	
Balance Due Endowment Fund	820.00	
		38,801.02
Deficiency		$2,357.15

NEWTON P. FASSETT,
Treasurer.

Elmira, N. Y., October 8, 1889.

2. Board of Trustees.

Term Expiring in 1890.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
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Rev. William A. Niles, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings,
Edward P. Durant,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

Term Expiring in 1891.

John T. Rathbun,
John I. Nicks,
Newton P. Fassett,
Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
Seymour Dexter,
Miss Anna B. Pratt.

Term Expiring in 1892.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,
Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

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3. Board of Examiners.

Term Expiring in 1890.—Rev. Stanley D. Jewell, Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie.

Term Expiring in 1891.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D.D., Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D.

Term Expiring in 1892.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. George R. Smith.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., 23 Nassau Street, New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler and Henry Day, Esqrs.

Term Expiring in 1890: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

Term Expiring in 1891: Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., William Allen Butler, John C. Tucker.

Term Expiring in 1892: Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Members Ex-Officio: Rev. Samuel Jessup, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., *Convener*. . . .	Geneva	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D.	New York.	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.	Buffalo.	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.	Albany.	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.	St. Lawrence.	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.	Genesee.	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.	Boston.	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D.	Buffalo.	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.	Utica.	Poughkeepsie.

VII. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

ALBANY: Albert P. Stevens, Treasurer, Box 115, Albany.
BINGHAMTON: Rev. John McVey, Stated Clerk, Binghamton.
CAYUGA: Rev. Albert S. Hughey, Treasurer, 11 Jefferson Street, Auburn.
GENEVA: Rev. Asher B. Temple, Treasurer, Seneca.
STEUBEN: Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Bath.

VIII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the Third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

II.

The place of the next meeting shall be designated prior to the adjournment yearly.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for devotional services; provided, however, that the morning sessions shall always be begun with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

III.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting of the Synod.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod an official report of the delegates and alternate delegates elected by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from such report shall be made up the official roll of the Synod.

At the calling of the roll of the Synod at its first session, the names of all delegates who have been officially reported to represent the Presbyteries shall be called, and those not responding, either personally or by alternates officially reported, shall be marked as absent.

When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals regularly appointed, such delegates shall report in person to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, and their names shall be substituted upon the official roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates shall be sent by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the members of committees which have been appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in regular correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers, in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office address.

VII.

In the case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

IX.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

X.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
2. Judicial Business; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
4. Finance; to consist of five elders.
5. Leave of Absence; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
6. To nominate Committees to attend the examinations in Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries, and Visitors to other Educational Institutions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
7. To Nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
8. To Nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
9. To Nominate the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira Female College; to consist of four ministers and three elders,
10. On the Records of the several Presbyteries; each committtee to consist of two ministers and one elder.

Before the adjournment a committee of one minister and one elder on each of the Boards of the Church shall be appointed, to serve for one year; and these committees, with a general chairman, to be chosen at the same time, shall constitute the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church, whose report shall be the first order of business on the second day of every annual session.

A committee shall be appointed, also, to present, at the next sessions of the Synod, a brief Pastoral Letter, to be sent down to the Presbyteries and Churches of the Synod.

XI.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of the Elmira Female College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

XII.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceeding by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XIII.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him to the Synod, before being referred.

XIV.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Synod.

XV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVI.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XVII.

Vacancies, occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

XVIII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister in the Synod, to every elder whose name is on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church.

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